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Flag dispute sparks town council review

Town remembers Hiroshima bombing

KATSUAKI Inoue and his family attended an exhibition in Abingdon marking the 71st anniversary of the dropping of an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

Inoue, a research scientist who lives in Abingdon, was born in Hiroshima.

The event was held in the town centre.

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Members to look at policy on standards and use of banners

By **Dominic Thomas**

TOWN councillors at Abingdon have agreed to review their policy on flying flags at the town's County Hall in the wake of a row over Oxford Pride's rainbow standard.

Their decision, however, is not a reversal of last month's controversial decision not to fly the rainbow flag during next year's Oxford Pride festival.

It prompted widespread criticism from campaigners and others and Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood to write to Abingdon Town Council leader Mike Badcock urging councillors to reconsider the issue.

The town council has agreed to set up a working group to review policy areas including putting up banners and flying flags in the town.

Mr Badcock: "I have called for a committee to review our policies, which will consist of five members, three Conservative and two other.

"It will review the use of Market Place, all outside activities, and the raising of flags and banners."

Mr Badcock said that there had been incidents of people walking into banners displayed in Market Place in the past.

"We have had a problem with banners in the Market Place so we have used it as a opportunity review of what we're doing," he said.

When asked if he was responding to the pressure raised by the campaigners over the rainbow flag, he said: "We want to review

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Pressure to release unpublished reports

By **Dominic Thomas**

THE Guardian has submitted Freedom of Information requests for two unpublished reports which cost taxpayers £200,000 on how the structure of Oxfordshire's local government could be overhauled.

They were commissioned by Oxfordshire's councils to investigate how devolution of powers could create a cheaper and more efficient authority.

But their publication was postponed when the Conservatives formed a new Government under Theresa May.

One report by auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) was carried out on behalf of Oxfordshire's four district and one city councils, along with Cotswolds and South Northamptonshire councils, costing £100,000.

Meanwhile, Oxfordshire County Council commissioned a separate report, also costing £100,000, by Grant Thornton to explore the same options.

Following a Government reshuffle, the authorities have been ordered to work together to strike a devolution deal.

City councillor Craig Simmons, who was refused access to the PwC report on request, has now been given a copy after being informed it was illegally withheld.

Cllr Simmons said: "I've got a copy. I asked for legal opinion to see if it was legal to withhold it from me as a councillor and they said no. It was illegally withheld from me. I've been away so I haven't read it yet and I am under instructions not to discuss its contents with anyone."

Cllr Simmons also criticised the council for not publishing the documents, saying: "It's outrageous, it's public money being spent on the reports but I think it's wrong.

"The public have a right under Freedom of Information to see it. The fact that circumstances may have changed in the meantime is neither here nor there. It doesn't make any difference and I think the public would be sensible enough to see it in that context."

City council leader Bob Price revealed that the council leaders would be given copies of the document this week.

He claimed that there was good reason for keeping the documents private for now, saying: "At the moment it doesn't make much a difference what is in the report because we have been asked to make a consensus with the county council, so it's of no value to have a public debate about it.

"When it's useful to have a public discussion on it, we will publish it, but not at a point when we're trying to secure a deal with the Government."

The county council has also yet to publish its report.

Its spokesman said: "It is still a draft report. No exact date has been set for publication but we can confirm it will definitely be published in the future."

The county council had proposed a single authority 'One Oxfordshire', while the districts and City proposed three combined district authorities, which would mean the abolition of the county council.

• Oxfordshire County Council's HQ at County Hall

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Burglary case

OXFORD: A 45-year-old man has admitted burgling an elderly Oxford man.

James Wells, 45, of no fixed abode, broke into the home of a man in his 80s in Jourdain Road at 3.30am on Friday last week.

Wells was charged on Saturday with one count of burglary in a dwelling with intent to steal.

He pleaded guilty at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Monday and will be sentenced at the same court on August 23.

CCTV appeal

DORCHESTER: Police have released the CCTV image below of a man following a burglary at a shop in Dorchester, near Wallingford.

Between 8.30am and 8.45am on Sunday, June 26, a man shopping in Co-op in High Street entered a staff area without permission.

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Number of firearms officers to increase

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THAMES Valley Police (TVP) has plans to increase the number of officers trained in firearms use over the next two years, it has been confirmed.

The news comes after it was announced in April police forces in England and Wales are to train an extra 1,500 firearms officers to help protect the public from terrorism.

The first of the 1,500 armed counter-terrorism police to be rolled out nationwide hit the streets of London last week.

The move will reverse a drop in firearms officers from nearly 7,000 in 2009/10 to 5,875 in 2013/14.

There are also to be more counter-terrorism teams outside London and 40 new armed response vehicles.

Contingency plans are already in place to deploy up to 10,000 troops in the event of a terror attack and last year, then Prime Minister David Cameron set aside £143m over five years to boost the UK's armed response capability.

Chief Superintendent Scott Chilton, head of TVP's Joint Operations Unit, said: "Last year, the Prime Minister announced the UK's national arms capability would increase. Along with other forces around the country, Thames Valley Police will be actively recruiting and training additional firearms officers over the next two years to further enhance our ability to keep our communities safe from harm."

The 34-year-old's crimes included rape and indecency

Man faces sentencing for total of 31 sexual offences

A MAN from Sutton Courtenay has finally been brought to justice after being convicted of a string of serious sexual offences against young and under-age girls dating back almost 10 years.

Daniel Stephen Kilbee, 34, of Bradstocks Way, Sutton Courtenay, was convicted of 31 sexual offences against five different victims, with another six counts laid on file, after two trials.

At a five-day trial in July, Kilbee was found guilty of eight charges, including rape, sexual assault and indecency, involving three different victims, from the age of 13 to a woman in her 20s, between 1997 and 2011.

Two other counts, including rape and indecency, will lay on file.

At the same trial, he also pleaded guilty to six counts of making indecent images of children in February 2015.

On Monday this week at Oxford Crown Court, Kilbee pleaded guilty to a further three counts of the rape of a child under the age of 13, two counts of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, one count of attempted rape and four counts of assault of a child under 13 by penetration.

By **Dominic Thomas**

All these offences happened between December 2012 and March 2013 and related to the same victim, a child under five. Four further offences, including two counts of rape, were also laid on file.

He also pleaded guilty to an indecent assault in the early 2000s against a victim in her late teens, as well as pleading guilty to six counts of making indecent images of children.

After being arrested and charged with five offences in October 2015, his charges were amended in February 2016 to include a total of 37 offences.

Investigating Officer, Detective Constable Tania Wasilewski-Norman, of the Child Investigation Unit, based at Cowley, said: "I would like to thank the victims and their families for their bravery in what has been an extremely harrowing experience for them.

"I would like to also thank our partners, particularly in child social care at Oxfordshire County Council, for supporting us and the victims through this terrible ordeal.

"In addition, I would like to thank our colleagues at the Crown Prosecution Service for helping us achieve this conviction.

"I would urge anyone who thinks they have been a victim of a sexual offence, to please report it to Thames Valley Police enquiry centre 24 hours a day on 101."

Kilbee will be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on September 22.

• *Daniel Stephen Kilbee*

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everything to make sure that we deal fairly with everyone.

"I have had a letter from the MP and took that into account.

"We thought we needed to review the Market Place, so we thought we would review the flag policy at the same time."

Mr Badcock added: "The furore that people have received over the flag has been appalling. There have been a lot of spiteful and bigoted things said to councillors as a result of the incident."

Oxford Pride chairman Rob Jordon, who is campaigning to have the decision overturned, said: "It's a good start. The decision has not been overturned yet but I'm pleased that they are looking into the matter.

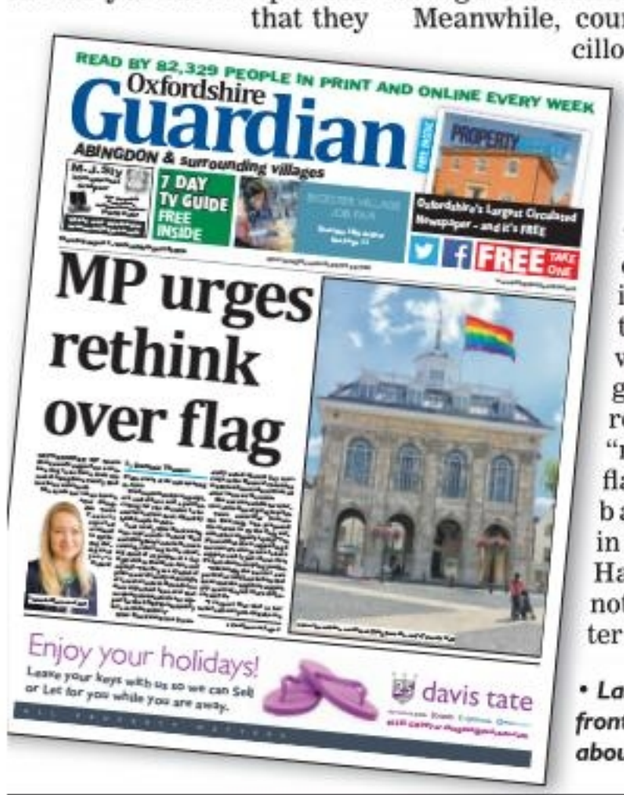
"Obviously they have taken heed of the public support and the support of Nicola Blackwood. But until the decision is looked at again we will continue to campaign.

"We weren't happy with their reasons they gave last time. Its good that they have listened to us and the MP so we will be interested to see what the committee finds."

Councillor Samantha Bowring, who proposed the initial motion to fly the flag, said: "It's a good step forward.

"It's starting to look as if they might fly it now. I think they are listening to what the public are saying and realised the strong feeling there is about it."

Meanwhile, county councillor David Nimmo Smith took to twitter to ridicule the council, tweeting: "Setting up a working group to review the "raising of flags and banners" in the town. Have they nothing better to do?"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Drug charges

ABINGDON: A 20-year-old man from Abingdon has been charged with drug offences.

Joseph Ball, of Saxton Road, Abingdon, was charged on Friday, July 29, with one count of possession with intent to supply cocaine and two counts of assaulting police officers, after a suspected drug deal in Ladygrove, Didcot.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Friday.

Flasher sought

ABINGDON: Police are hunting a man after he exposed himself to a woman and tried to steal her bag.

The victim was walking along the Ock Valley River Walk at about 10.15am on Monday when the man approached her. She fled the scene without having anything stolen.

The offender is described as being white, slim, 6ft tall, aged 30 to 40, with short brown hair. He was wearing shorts with blue, green and white squares and a grey jacket.

Call police on 101.

Sporting boost

ABINGDON: Charity leisure company Soll Leisure has been awarded a grant for its programme for adults with disabilities in Abingdon.

The 'Disability Active' programme, which will run gym and swim sessions at the Park Club in Abingdon, received £3,569 of funding from Sports England.

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Revamp starts at another of Oxford's tower blocks

• Residents, councillors and contractors in front of Hockmore Tower

By **Dominic Thomas**

MAJOR repairs have been started on another of Oxford's five 1960s tower blocks as part of a £20 million renovation.

Work on setting up aerial systems and scaffolding has begun at Hockmore Tower at the city's Templars Square shopping centre in Cowley, following the start of the project at two tower blocks on the Blackbird Leys estate earlier this year.

The council project, which will see the tower block refurbished by contractors Willmott Dixon Energy Services, got under way with an opening event on Tuesday at TheVenue@Cowley.

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing, said: "The improvements should add another 30 years to the life of the building, which will be able to provide housing for another generation of residents.

"These repairs reflect the council's commitment to raising the standard and quality of housing for the people of Oxford."

The work on Blackbird Leys' Evenlode and Windrush tower blocks has seen a curtain walling system and insulation installed on the outside of the buildings.

Work to fit new heating systems in the flats has also begun.

Repairs to the city's other two tower blocks, Foresters at Wood Farm and Plowman at Northway will begin in September and October respectively.

Richard Crook, Willmott construction manager, said: "The project overall is proceeding to programme as envisaged with the contract being on time and in budget."

The project will see all five tower blocks in the city repaired to a higher standard to improve their energy efficiency and increase their life span.

Due to be completed in a year, it will also improve the blocks' grounds, car parks and front entrances.

Resident Gerald Ives has lived on Hockmore's top floor for 28 years.

He said: "These improvements aren't before time.

"The things I'm looking forward to most are the new windows and the heating."

Cancer study boost

AN Oxford researcher has been awarded almost £1 million from Cancer Research UK to investigate a new form of treatment for prostate cancer.

Dr Richard Bryant, a consultant urologist and surgeon who treats patients from across Oxfordshire, will use the cash injection to investigate combining a new form of treatment alongside conventional radiotherapy for men with advanced or aggressive forms of prostate cancer.

• Dr Richard Bryant

If his research proves to be both safe and effective for patients, Dr Bryant believes it could be "game-changing" for men diagnosed with the disease in the future.

Dr Bryant said: "My hope is that it could lead to a step-change in the delivery of modern radiotherapy with the addition of a minimally invasive form of targeted surgery."

Dr Bryant, who is based at the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, was awarded a Clinician Scientist Fellowship, which supports cancer doctors carrying out research.

He will receive £847,242 over five years to carry out his research in the hope of transforming treatments for future prostate cancer patients.

Prostate cancer is the commonest cancer in men in the UK. About 500 are diagnosed in Oxfordshire every year.

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Conmen strike

WITNEY: Thieves posing as police officers stole money from an elderly woman after forcing their way into her home in Hailey Road.

Between 9.20pm and 9.45pm last Thursday, the two men got in through the front door and, when confronted by the victim in her 80s, claimed to be police officers, holding up what appeared to be identity cards.

They told her they were there as a result of a burglary and needed to check her money.

The first offender is described as being white, 6ft 3ins, about 35, slim, with a pale and gaunt appearance.

The second offender is white, 5ft 9ins to 5ft 11ins, also about 35, stocky, with a pale complexion. He was wearing a light green jacket.

Contact police on 101.

Firearm arrest

OXON: Two Oxford men have been arrested on suspicion of possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.

Two men, aged 18 and 20, were arrested on Sunday in Botley Road, Oxford, following an incident in Witney on the same day when an imitation firearm was seen.

They have been bailed until September 28.

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Field fire tackled

CHINNOR: A passing steam train may have sparked a field blaze near the heritage railway line at Chinnor on Sunday.

Six fire engines and 35 firefighters extinguished the blaze, making sure it did not spread to nearby houses and that horses in the area were led to safety.

Crews from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire were called to the scene at 5.30pm.

Hotel drier blaze

FARINGDON: Fire crews from Faringdon and Abingdon dealt with a tumble drier fire at Sudbury House Hotel in London Street, Faringdon.

They were called to the scene at 12.58pm on Saturday, August 6. The drier caught fire on the second floor of the hotel, but posed no risk to guests.

Street brawl

OXFORD: A gun and metal pole were brandished in a street brawl between two groups in Oxford on Tuesday, police believe.

One man was taken to hospital after the fight in Peregrine Road, Blackbird Leys, at about 7.20pm. Police are looking for a man described as white in his mid-twenties, wearing a blue hooded top, grey tracksuit bottoms, black trainers, with light brown hair.

Boy stuck in mud saved by hovercraft

• *It was a busy afternoon for the BARB Search and Rescue team (pictures courtesy of BARB Search and Rescue)*

• *Callum Curtis got stuck in deep mud*

By **George Welch**

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy from Faringdon had to be rescued after becoming stuck in deep mud while trying to reach the sea at low tide.

Callum Curtis was spotted in difficulty by a beach warden at Brean Sands, Somerset, on Saturday afternoon.

The boy, who was on holiday with his family, had become exhausted, but a beach warden kept him calm from a distance as he waited for a hovercraft to arrive a short time later.

Burnham-on-Sea BARB Search and Rescue said it was called out at 3.01pm to rescue Callum. It said: "Our hovercraft was launched and the crew worked with coastguards to safely bring him back to the safety of his relieved family."

The hovercraft took two Weston Coastguard officers out to free stranded Callum and return him to safety unharmed.

Callum's mum Jemma Curtis said: "My son Callum was walking out across the beach with several of the family when he got stuck – it was a shock when I realised he was in difficulty.

"We are hugely grateful to BARB and the Coastguards for rescuing him."

BARB operations manager Mike Lowe said: "This was a text-book rescue and the main reason that BARB's hovercrafts are here. It was a very quick response from our dedicated volunteers."

It was the start of a busy afternoon for the BARB team, which was also on hand to bring six people to safety on Weston beach at 4.30pm after they had waded far out on the mudflats with an incoming tide. At 6.40pm the team helped Coastguards find two people who had also been seen wading through mud.

Museum swamped by dinosaur offers

THE Oxford Museum of Natural History has been inundated with responses from all over the world after putting out a call to rehouse a model dinosaur.

The four-metre long Utahraptor has been owned by the museum since 2000, but has been remained in its collections store since 2014.

The museum announced it was looking for a new home for the dinosaur in July, and appealed for organisations to come forward and apply to rehouse the life-sized model.

Applications for the dinosaur, which will be donated free to the successful applicant, closed on Friday, August 5.

The museum's main requirements for applications were a clear floor space of 1.6m by 1.2m (5ft by 4ft), plus additional room for the dinosaur's tail.

Museum spokesman Scott Billings said: "It's been slightly overwhelming. We've had over 200 submissions to have the Utahraptor rehomed.

"It's been incredible. When we came up with the idea, we didn't know if we would have two responses, let alone 200."

Offers came from America and Europe, as well as all across Britain.

• *The dinosaur on display at the museum (photo by Scott Billings) and at Blackwell's bookshop (photo by Mike Peckett)*

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Man thanks residents for their tribute to atomic bomb victims

AN Abingdon man from Hiroshima has said he is 'so touched' residents of the town do not forget the moment atomic bombs were dropped on Japan.

Abingdon residents were among those across Oxfordshire taking part in peaceful memorials to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings last weekend.

Saturday marked the anniversary of the 'Little Boy' atomic bomb being dropped on Hiroshima by the United States Army Air Forces on August 6, 1945, before the 'Fat Man' bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later.

By **Dominic Thomas**

The two bombs killed more than 200,000 people, and are the only time nuclear weapons have been used in war.

The Abingdon Peace Group hosted a tribute to victims at the town's war memorial in High Street.

They were joined by research scientist Katsuaki Inoue, who now lives in Abingdon, but grew up in Hiroshima.

He said: "My father was living in Hiroshima in 1945, but was fortunately in a village a few miles away on August 6th when the bomb was dropped.

"I am so touched that people in Abingdon still remember what happened. Thank you."

Anne Dodd of Abingdon Peace Group added: "These are not ordinary bombs. They have uniquely dangerous humanitarian and environmental consequences which last for generations."

There was also an exhibition of photographs showing the effects of the bombings on display at Market Place.

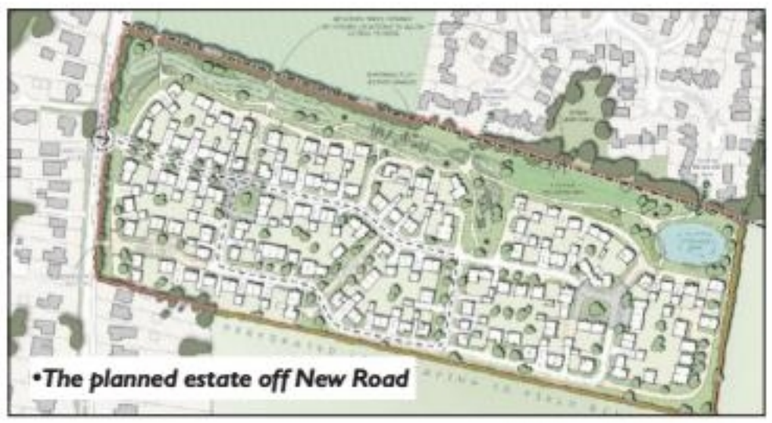
Some visitors signed a new petition titled "Appeal for a Total Ban on Nuclear Weapons", launched this year by the Japan Confederation of A- & H- Bomb Sufferers organisations.

Meanwhile the Oxford branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament held a ceremony with poetry readings and singing at the Peace Cherry Tree in Florence Park, which was planted 17 years ago to mark the day.

Member Nigel Day said: "We always try and mark this day and it was just a way of thinking of all the people who died in the bombing and expressing a hope that it never happens again."

•Campaigners at Abingdon War Memorial

Developer's Didcot appeal


•The planned estate off New Road

THE developers behind a contentious bid to build 170 houses between Didcot and East Hagbourne have appealed the council's decision to reject planning permission.

Grainger is appealing against South Oxfordshire District Council planning committee's unanimous decision in May to refuse its application off New Road.

It will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Grainger said of the appeal: "At its heart is a requirement for every authority to pro-actively drive and support sustainable economic development to deliver the homes that the country needs."

Andy Barmer, from the Mind The Green Gap campaign group, said: "Having seen Grainger off once we are more than confident that with hard work and clear argument we can do so again. Both the community and our local representatives have been clear - this is an unwanted and invalid scheme."

Details of the application can be seen on the SODC website. The reference number is P15/S3228/O.

Residents have until September 2 to comment on the appeal.

News Bites

Drug dealer jailed

OXFORD: An Oxford gang member has been jailed for five years for dealing 'Meow Meow' drugs.

Vishal Nazar (pictured), 37, of Danvers Road, Oxford, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to deal methylmethcathinone and ketamine at Oxford Crown Court on Thursday last week.

Ciaran Macdonough, 38, of Margaret Road, Twyford, got a 16-month suspended sentence. James Screeton, 28, of Willes Close, Faringdon, had his case adjourned for two weeks after a failed television link up with Bullingdon prison.

Meow Meow is a kind of mephedrone also called M-Cat.

Breakthrough?

OXFORD: A study carried out at the Oxford Institute for Radiation Oncology has revealed an anti-malaria drug could make tumours easier to treat by slowing down the rate at which cancer cells use oxygen.

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Band shortlisted

OXON: Oxford's alternative rock band Radiohead have had their new album, A Moon Shaped Pool, shortlisted for the 25th annual Mercury Prize.

The band, which is touring the US, have yet to win the album of the year award.

Other artists nominated for the £25,000 prize include David Bowie and Michael Kiwanuka.

Four escape fire

OXFORD: Four people were taken to hospital after a house fire in Cowley, Oxford.

Two fire crews arrived in Howard Street at 3.53am on Thursday last week to find smoke coming from the three-story property and the fire spreading next door.

Both houses were evacuated and crews stayed until 7.30am to make sure the fire was out.

Charity boost

OXON: An Oxfordshire charity which supports people over 60 suffering bereavement has received a financial boost from a UK housebuilder.

Age UK Oxfordshire's Late Spring Bereavement Support Network has been granted £1,000 from Persimmon Homes as part of their community champions scheme to support groups and charities.

England football manager teams up with RAF chiefs

By **George Welch**

ENGLAND under-21 manager and former England international Gareth Southgate treated personnel from RAF Benson to coaching sessions and leadership talks.

Mr Southgate, who was appointed manager of the England under-21 squad in 2013, visited the station as part of a programme to boost leadership skills.

Wing Commander Chris Skaife said: "Gareth Southgate's visit has proven extremely beneficial in inspiring current and future leaders; we are extremely grateful for the time he has given to us all."

• *RAF Benson personnel and Garath Southgate discussed the crossovers between leadership within the military and elite sports*

• *Garath Southgate giving Benson Lions Cubs some pointers (photos courtesy of Tamsin Reed)*

He added: "The RAF requires personnel with strong leadership attributes, excellent managerial skills and the confidence to exercise command; therefore we have a programme of events throughout an individual's career to allow them to reach their full potential."

During the visit on Thursday last week Mr Southgate met aircrew training in dynamic motion simulators and discussed challenges they face.

One key topic was the RAF's training methods for performing under pressure and how they could translate to elite sports.

During the evening Mr Southgate, 45, spoke to an audience of senior non-commissioned and commissioned officers.

The group discussed leadership styles and the comparisons between the sporting and military environments.

The visit was organised by the station's Force Development Squadron, which is responsible for training and education.

Mr Southgate won 57 England caps, scoring two goals as centre back with the national team.

He also led a training session with the Benson Lion Cubs, one of the youngest groups of Benson Lions Football Club.

It gave the youngsters and their military coaches an opportunity to develop both coaching and playing skills ahead of their move to the Under 11s league next season.

The 9-10 year olds brought home an array of silverware for the club last season with the Men's, Ladies and Under 7s teams also celebrating numerous victories.

Mr Southgate retired from football in 2006, having represented Crystal Palace, Aston Villa and Middlesbrough 426 times.

He managed Middlesborough between 2006 and 2009 before being invited to the England setup to lead the under-21s.

More than half of Oxfordshire parents admit hiding from kids

MORE than half of Oxfordshire parents admit to hiding from their children for five minutes of peace, research has found.

The survey by Harron Homes on 2,000 mums and dads in Oxfordshire showed 54 per cent sneak off for a break.

Across the county 41 per cent of parents spend one to five minutes a day asking children to do chores while 20 per cent admitted spending the same amount of time telling their children to get off the phone.

Survey quotes:

THE survey also revealed the most embarrassing thing their children say:

- "Why is mummy talking to that lady she doesn't even like her?"
- "Are you the ex-wife?" - When their parents met another couple
- Asking other mothers at school if they have any food for them to eat
- Telling another child his own dad said the other child had bad manners, in front of the other child's mum

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Guinea Pig Club RAF airman celebrates major milestones

By **George Welch**

JACK Perry was just a teenager when his plane crashed during the Second World War leaving him with 80 per cent burns to his hands, face and ears.

On August 31 1944 as a 19-year-old RAF airman, Mr Perry reported a problem with the fuel warning light on the control panel of his Halifax plane to the pilot and the control tower while taking off from a Yorkshire airbase.

But the plane's engineer officer instructed the crew to continue with their mission.

As the Halifax approached 300 feet, the plane exploded.

Mr Perry and his comrades were thrown from the aircraft.

The tail gunner died in the blast and Mr Perry fell to the ground with third degree burns to the back of his hands, and a mixture of first and second degree burns to his face and ears.

He joined a uniquely exclusive group of war burn victims which had banded together as The Guinea Pig Club in July 1941.

> *They would either weep and cry or walk on the other side of the road*

Now 91, the retired draughtsman from Harwell near Didcot returned to Yorkshire to mark the 75th anniversary of the club's inception - and his 91st birthday last month.

Mr Perry travelled to Yorkshire with fellow 'Guinea Pigs' Mac Mathieson, 94, Sandy Saunders, 93, and John Miles, 88, to celebrate the milestones at the Yorkshire Air Museum's Halifax bomber.

He said: "It was brilliant to be at the Yorkshire Air Museum and to celebrate my birthday under the wings of the Halifax.

"Being joined by my friends and family and especially fellow Guinea Pigs means the world to me."

After the crash at RAF Topcliffe in Yorkshire Mr Perry was treated at Rauceby Hospital, Lincolnshire - a satellite plastic surgery centre overseen by a team headed by famed doctor Sir Archibald McIndoe in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

He endured a total of 18 operations in Rauceby and 12 more in East Grinstead.

Sir Archibald was instrumental in the Guinea Pigs' rehabilitation.

He practised innovative techniques and pioneered new methods to treat burns, but also made sure they had the psychological support to reintegration into the community.

• *Before and after the crash*

Mr Perry went on to marry wife Mary, 89, and had a successful career composing technical drawings at Plessey and later at the Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell.

Mr Perry said: "People coming towards you saw your face and they couldn't stand it. They would either weep and cry or walk on the other side of the road.

"Being a Guinea Pig to me is something I've always cherished. It's been my life for the last 45 years – we are a band of brothers."

The club was formed by 649 badly burned airmen.

There are currently 18 'Guinea Pigs' alive in the UK, and about 10 overseas.

Fellow Guinea Pig Maggie Saunders, who lives in Leicester, is leading a charge to raise £20,000 to fund a memorial to the Guinea Pig Club at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The number of donations is up to £9,600.

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• *Jack Perry celebrating with wife Mary (photos courtesy of Adrian Brooks)*

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Plea to help Olly

By **Samantha McGregor**

A COUPLE are appealing for people to get behind a fundraising campaign to pay for treatment for their four-year-old son after a bug left him fighting for his life.

Michael and Suzanna Johnson's world was turned upside down when Oliver, known as Olly, was struck down with Encephalitis - a deadly virus that had attacked his brain and brain stem.

He has been left severely disabled – blind in one eye and visually impaired in the other and needs 24-hour care.

Olly was initially treated at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, but has recently been transferred to the Surrey-based Children's Trust for the next four months.

Before he became sick, Olly, who has a six-month-old sister Isabelle, was a happy-go-lucky child who attended Tiddlywinks nursery.

His parents, who live in Ambrosden, near Bicester, have launched a £150,000 appeal to buy specialist equipment for Olly and to pay for treatment abroad.

So far, they have raised about £8,000.

Mrs Johnson said: "Oliver needs intensive physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy.

"We are still planning to get Oliver overseas to America for brain treatment and still need to raise a lot of money to get Oliver over there. His treatment could be at John Hopkins Baltimore, USA, or to the Dominican Republic offering stem cell therapy.

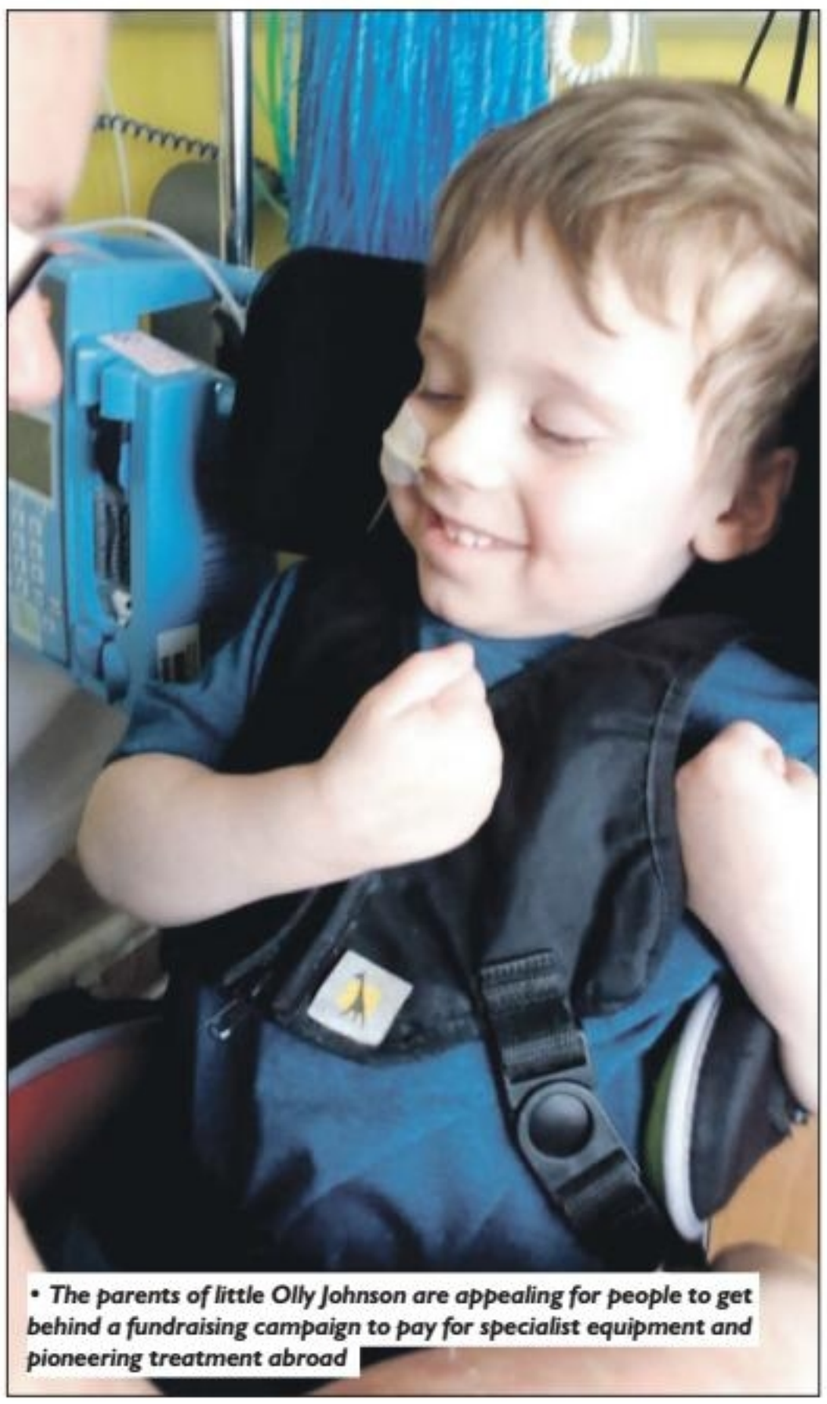
"We really still need as much help as we can.

"Some nights I have been working on the fundraising projects till about 4am in the morning. I say to myself sleep is underrated and that I need to get as much work done as I can in the night. Having a baby to look after in the day and being with my son, I don't have the time to do it in the day.

"I work into the night for my son, that way I have the time for both of my children in the day time."

Posters and collection boxes have been put in shops and pubs in the Bicester area and a string of events has been planned including a family fun day and sponsored 24-hour cycle and a swim-a-thon run by Bicester Garrison.

For more information, email suzannajohnson30@gmail.com or view gofundme.com/helpsaveolly



• The parents of little Olly Johnson are appealing for people to get behind a fundraising campaign to pay for specialist equipment and pioneering treatment abroad

News Bites

Burglary arrests

N OXON: Two teenagers have been arrested and bailed in connection with a spate of burglaries in Hook Norton.

The burglaries took place between July 21 and August 3 at properties in Hollybush, Rectory and Sibford roads and Ashburton Lane and among the items stolen were jewellery and purses.

The pair, aged 18 and 17, have been bailed until September 6 and August 24 respectively.

Restaurant move

THAME: Cornerstone Properties (Thame) Ltd has applied to South Oxfordshire District Council for permission to change the use of the ground floor and first floor of 14 Buttermarket from shops and office to café/restaurant usage.

Homes approved

N OXON: Two buildings at the former US air base at Upper Heyford are set to be demolished and replaced with housing.

Cherwell District Council approved proposals by the Dorchester Group, the site's owner, to replace the barracks and dining room with 43 homes.

Cllr Colin Clarke, lead member for planning, said: "We do regret the loss of the two RAF buildings, which are of local historical interest. However, this is outweighed by a design which will offer an area of distinct character and enhance the setting of the newly proposed village green."

Town land designated as a community asset

SPORTS land that could be developed into an out-of-town shopping centre in Bicester has been designated as a community asset.

Town and district councillor Dan Sames took to social networking site Twitter to announce the move.

The site, off Oxford Road, is owned by Bicester Sports Association.

Mr Sames' tweet said: "Good news that BTC's (Bicester Town Council) request to list Ox Rd sports ground as Asset of Community Value approved!"

Mr Sames said the community asset designation would make the site "more difficult to sell and allows [the] community [a] chance to buy it".

Bicester resident Stephen Wynne-Jones tweeted: "Good news - and good on BTC for engineering that."

The move came just months after developer U+I Group Plc unveiled plans for a 30-shop retail park at the site. It said it had acquired sports fields at Oxford Road and the former St Edburg's School site for the development.

U+I Group Plc say the development would regenerate the town centre as a footpath link between the retail park and the Causeway would encourage people into Bicester town centre.

Bicester Sport Association has previously said it plans to invest the proceeds from the sale of the site to update and expand sports facilities at its Chesterton site.

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Kidlington Co-op plans approved

By **Dominic Thomas**

PLANS to turn half of a Co-op store on Kidlington's High Street into flats have been narrowly approved.

The decision on the proposals came down to a casting vote by Cherwell District Council planning committee chairman James McNamara after councillors' initial voting was tied 6–6.

It gave the go-ahead for 52 flats to be built at the store site and on land around the corner in Sterling Road Approach, used as the shop's car park.

Half of the store's floorspace will also be given up to the development, with offices making way for eight of the flats.

The application had been recommended for approval by council officers.

Council planner Bob Duxbury said the application offered the opportunity for regeneration in the area.

He said: "What is the alternative to this? And if this development doesn't go ahead, then is there anything else out there that might provide any other regeneration opportunities?

"It may well be right that failure to carry through on this could well see the Co-op pull out, I don't know I'm speculating there, and then a sinking feeling perhaps."

The plans had attracted concerns from residents over the scale of the development and the loss of retail space.

There were also concerns over the lack of affordable housing in the development.

Speaking at the meeting in opposition to the plans, Cllr Alan MacKenzie-Wintle said: "Feelings in Kidlington are running extremely high.

"People think the development is an over-development. It's still too intense and has too many storeys, and we want more floorspace not less."

Residents had also argued that the application went against the Kidlington masterplan, drawn up to protect the area from over-development.

"If this application is approved, it will be contrary to a vast majority of recommendations in our very own report, and I find that rather strange," Mr MacKenzie-Wintle added.

"What is the point of having a local plan and a Kidlington masterplan when the most significant application in over two decades overtly flouts them?"

• *An artist's impression of the development*

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Theatre occasion

OXFORD: Acting couple Jeremy Irons and his wife Sinead Cusack are to officially re-open Oxford Playhouse following a three-year upgrade of the theatre in Beaumont Street, Oxford.

They will do the honours to mark the occasion at a gala performance of a stage adaptation of the sequel to J M Barrie's classic children's story Peter Pan in September.

Published in 2006, the new novel Peter Pan in Scarlet was written by Geraldine McCaughrean and later adapted for the stage.

Homes plan to remove 'blot on the landscape'

A HALF-BUILT hotel that has been derelict for more than a decade has received planning permission for a housing development.

The site on the A40 in Windrush, near Burford, now faces a complete transformation.

The development on the old filling station site will be constructed using local materials and will include a small retail unit along with 24 apartments and eight houses.

Located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the 2,845 sq m derelict site has long raised questions about its future. Previously a transport cafe, building work began on the site to make way for Windrush Heights Hotel in 2001.

But the work stopped in May 2005 just weeks from completion, leaving the area with an abandoned building.

But the concerns of local residents have now been answered with the approval of the 32-home development.

John Everitt, director of coombes:everitt architects, who designed the project, said: "It takes its inspiration from the local farmsteads and small hamlets which sit along the A40.

"The new development will really complement this part of the Cotswolds and become a new community of high-quality, energy-efficient homes.

"The site has become a well-known blot on the landscape. As a local practice we are incredibly proud to be working with Westfields to transform the site and provide much-needed additional housing within the area."

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Driver freed

STADHAMPTON: Firefighters rescued a driver whose car ended up in hedges after a three-vehicle crash on the B480 Stadhampton Road on Tuesday last week, August 2.

Crews stabilised the car and removed the roof to free them.

Organ repair bid

OXON: A giant 125-year-old organ at Blenheim Palace is to be restored with money raised by a series of concerts.

The instrument, the largest in a private house in Europe, needs more than £400,000 to fix. It has 2,300 pipes and 52 speaking stops and still plays, but several no longer work.

It is now being played in twice-weekly recitals to raise money via donations.

Steam train debut

CHINNOR: A steam train service for passengers running from Chinnor to Princes Risborough will be trialled this month ahead of an expected opening next year.

The first train is due to leave on August 21, and is reserved for those who have been buying tickets over the last 25 years.

Chinnor Railway said the "Risborough Preview" services are the first publicly-operated steam services over the Network Rail line.

Former Olympian planning to launch a new gym in Wantage

By **George Welch**

A FORMER British Olympian is planning to open a gym in Wantage to encourage more people to keep fit.

Former athlete Tim Benjamin wants to open a state-of-the-art gym called The Fitness Space at 13 Wallingford Street next to Waitrose.

The 34-year-old, who competed in the 400m relay race in the 2004 Athens Olympics, had his career cut short through injury.

He said: "I really wanted to start my own health club but with a niche angle so I researched the market pretty heavily."

He discovered that 12.1 per cent of the UK population go to gyms and 26 per cent consider joining a gym but are 'put off or intimidated'.

Everyone who joins would get a personal fitness coach who is responsible for the members' time at the club.

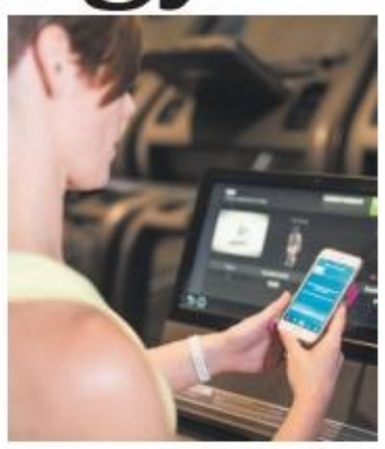
The gym would be small and intimate with high-tech gear including mobile phone apps which track body fat and BMI.

People will also be offered a DNA test when they join which aims to help their personal trainer work out the best way for them to get fit.

Mr Benjamin said: "It's very service driven and very technology led. It's easy to use, very attainable and geared towards people who want a comfortable place training."

He set up The Fitness Space as a company in 2009 and has five gyms in the UK. He says Wantage is an area that supports his business model.

• The Fitness Space would open next to Waitrose



He added: "Our club's are very well suited to small market towns with a demographic which supports our model, and that's usually a slightly older generation with more disposable income."

The Wantage gym will be run by his colleague Chana Dhaliwal.

Mr Benjamin has applied for planning permission to convert the building, which has been empty since WHSmith left in 2009.

He is hoping for a decision from Vale of While Horse District Council later this month and would aim to open The Fitness Space a few months after.

Mr Benjamin said he plans to open more gyms - perhaps in Henley, Witney and Abingdon.

Driver and passenger escape horror collision

A driver and passenger were lucky not to need hospital treatment after their car left the road and rolled into a field between Bampton and Clanfield last week.

Firefighters cut the driver out of the silver car after being called to the incident on the A4095 at 11.20am on Wednesday, August 3.

The passenger got out the car without help but both were treated for trauma.

• The car left the road and rolled several times

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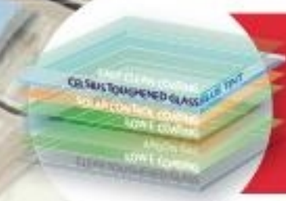

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Lighthouse is a beacon for kids to have fun time

By **Samantha McGregor**

MORE than 1,000 children took part in a week of fun organised by church group Lighthouse Thame & Villages.

It was the ninth year running the children's activity week had been held and it was free to attend for all the youngsters.

Almost 500 volunteers, aged from 13 upwards, helped to make the event, held at Thame Showground, a success.

Activities included crafts, dance, messy games, singing, different sports, and every day a leader was "gunged".

Each year, the churches in Thame, Haddenham, Long Crendon, Towersey, Chearsley, Aylesbury, Cuddington, Kingsey, Tetsworth, Chinnor, Great Milton raise about £50,000 to run the week-long progamme.

It also gets a "substantial grant" from Thame Town Council, as well as donations from parishioners, parents and local businesses.

Teenagers who volunteer to help out are given a thank you each evening in the form of a chill-out session of activities including sports, messy games and a barbecue.

Ulrike Kibble, deputy chairman, said Lighthouse 2016 was "fantastic". She said: "We very much enjoyed welcoming over 1,000 children and are very grateful to almost 500 helpers and the support of many others.

"This year, we have had our current Thame mayor Linda Emery as one of the leaders looking after a group of children and she was a good sport by being gunged on one of the days."

Older people were not left out during the week – they were also treated to two days of activities and a free lunch.

Lighthouse was started in Great Missenden in 1987 by a group of Christians from local churches who organised fun activities for children and young people during the school summer holidays. More than 350 youngsters attended the initial event.

Since then, Lighthouse has gone from strength to strength, with thousands of children attending events across the county.

The first Lighthouse Thame took place at the showground in 2008. A date has already been set for next year's 10th anniversary event, which will take place from Monday, July 24, to Friday, July 28. For more information, view http://www.lighthousethame.org.uk/

• More than 1,000 children enjoyed the week of fun organised by the church group Lighthouse

News Bites

Business boost

BICESTER: Retailers looking to give their business a boost can join a free course on September 7, at The Garth, in Launton Road, from 6pm to 9pm.

Organised by Cherwell District Council, the workshop will cover topics including creating a business vision, finding a route to market and measuring business performance.

To book, contact Julia Aratoon at julia.aratoon@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221 855.

Market fun day

THAME: This year's Thame Market Traders' Community Fun Day will take place on Tuesday, August 16, in Upper High Street.

The event gives local groups a chance to host a stall and raise some cash.

Anyone who would like to take part should contact Chris Hurdman on chrishurdman@ntinternet.com by August 11, or collect an application form from the Information Centre in the Town Hall.

Xmas lights date

THAME: The date for Thame's Christmas lights switch-on event has been announced.

On Friday, December 2, local businesses are being urged to run a stall or stay open into the evening to help create a festive atmosphere.

Anyone interested in getting involved should call the town council on 01844 212833.

Extra hub places laid on

EXTRA places have been made available at a summer playscheme following record bookings.

More than 900 bookings were taken during the first two weeks of Cherwell District Council's holiday hubs held across Banbury, Bicester and Bloxham.

Parents looking for help with child care during the summer holidays are being urged to book quickly as places are filling up fast.

The hubs are open to children aged five to 15 and offer daily arts and crafts, sports and games. They also feature a rotating guest activity ranging from trampolining and swimming to fencing and archery.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "There is no doubt that the holiday hubs are a popular resource for both parents and children as the first two weeks of bookings speak for themselves.

"For parents, they offer a practical and affordable solution to childcare issues and are a great way to keep children occupied in a safe and supervised environment.

"For the kids, it's a fun place to hang out with old and new friends while taking part in a range of creative and active games."

The hubs are held on weekdays at North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury, Cooper School in Bicester and The Warriner School in Bloxham, and all the sessions are led by staff who have undergone background checks.

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They're joined by the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain,Tom Robinson Band, Edward II, 9Bach, The Young'uns, Nizlopi and Nell Bryden, plus enduring Towersey favouritesRoy Bailey, Rusty Shackle andNancy Kerr and James Fagan. A whole bunch of other artists will be there over the four days and to see the full listing visit www.towerseyfestival.com

Well that's the grown-ups taken care of, but Towersey has a new focus on the younger members of the audience. Under the banner All About Children, the expanded programme promises a range of events, activities and workshops designed specifically to keep 5-11 year olds engaged and amused throughout the four-day summer fest'.

There's outdoor skills and learning, from den building to an exploration of wildlife habitat, as part of Green School, while a special family concert

Closing date: Wednesday, Aug 17

led by Johnny And The Raindrops promises raucous sing-a-longs and lots of dancing.

For those with an interest in performing, singer Marion Fleetwood, from acclaimed folk/ rock act TradArrr, will lead The Children's Festival Choir through their paces before an appearance alongside the group on The Big Club stage, and the Towzer! Bandshow their musical chops at the Family Grand Ceilidh – which this year takes place in the larger Festival Dance House. Other music-making workshops include ukulele lessons and a session with The Conservatoire Folk Ensemble, who close the festival on Monday (29 Aug).

"Our aim is for All About Children to be an amazing four days of entertainment, activity and learning, and a brilliant place to spend the last few days of the summer holiday – a real 'Festival Holiday Club' experience."

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• Kate Rusby

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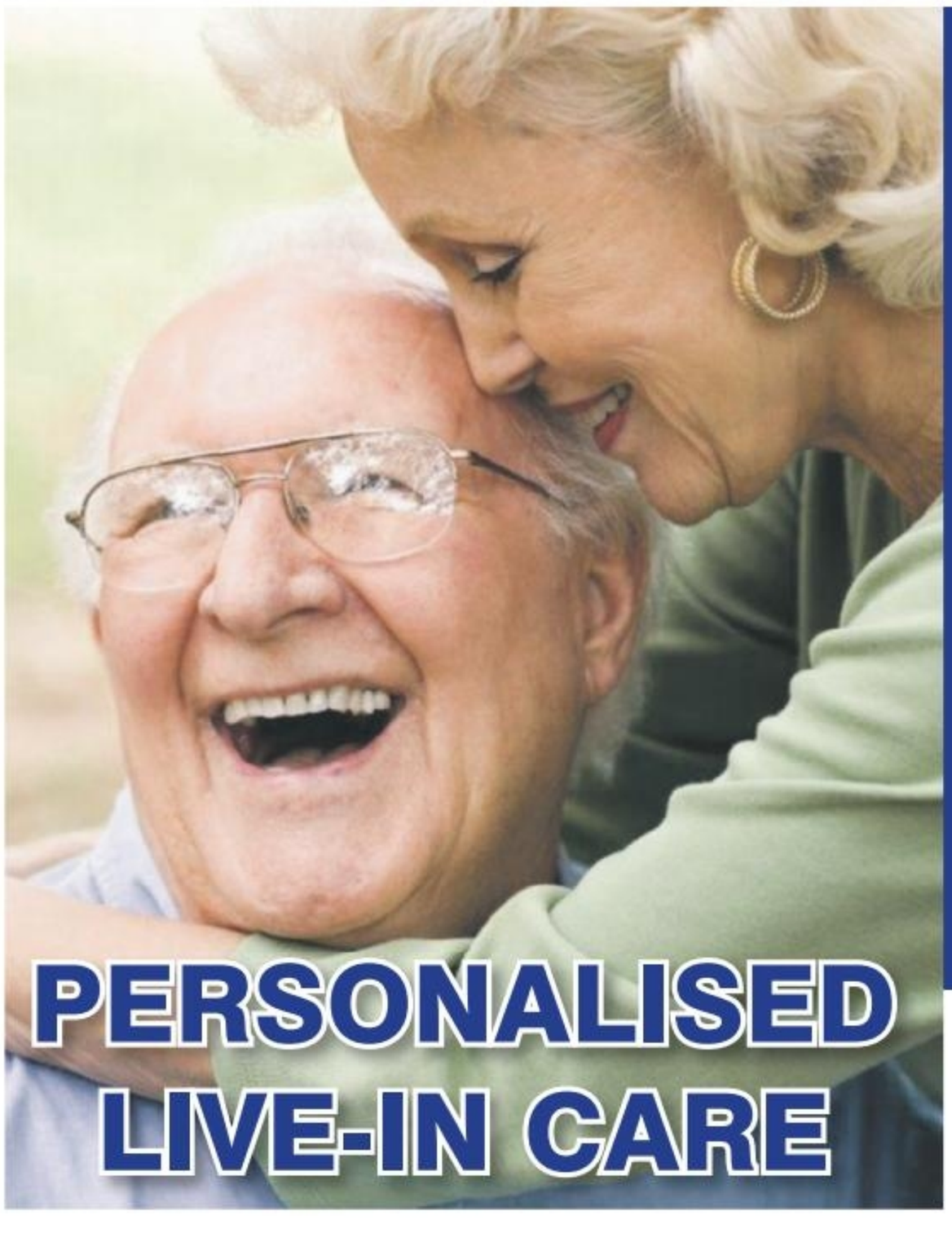

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Pain in the spinal area (8)
4 Group of musicians (4)
8 Very small (6)
10 Thwarts (6)
11 Combine (5)
12 Colloquial language (5)
14 Infallible guide (6)
17 Somnambulate (9)
18 Following closely (9)
22 Property (6)
27 Displeasure (5)
24 Salvers (5)
26 Insect that preys on others (6)
27 Twine (6)
28 Bird's home (4)
29 Makes steady (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Collide (4)
2 Waterways (6)
3 Bring into harmony (6)
5 Onslaught (6)
6 Courses served at end of meals (8)
7 Musical drama (5)
9 Causes (9)
10 Those who hide to obtain free passage (9)
13 Greek letter (5)
15 By the side of (5)
16 Boatman (8)
18 Raised platforms (6)
19 Garret (5)
20 Put in gradually (6)
21 Exceptional intellectual ability (6)
25 Grows old (4)

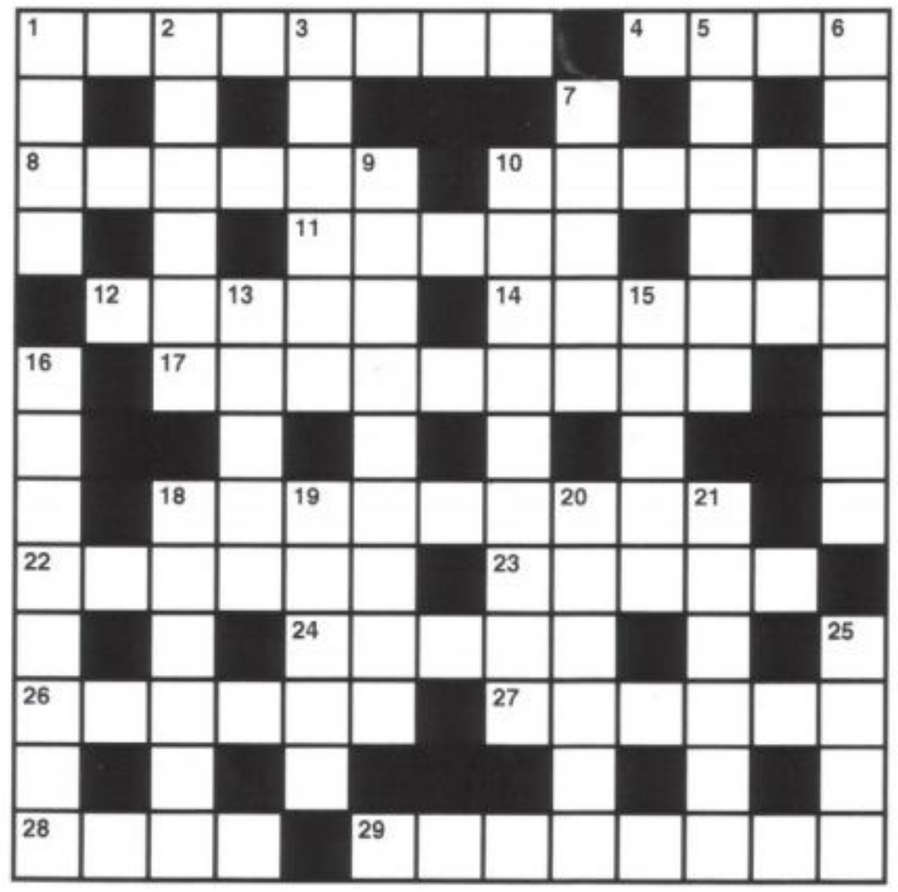
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Garment in which Lois, upset, came round (8)
4 The extent of a Middle East seaport? (4)
8 Mac and Ian get together quite mad (6)
10 They figure largely in string bands (6)
11 He's in a cap - how common! (5)
12 Prophet needs a shoe repaired (5)
14 A gypsy in the army? No (6)
17 Communist compiler is a real dog (3,6)
18 These stories have real logic (9)
22 One who goes via the south gets on (6)
23 Brings up behind? (5)
24 Not very much and rather stale (5)
26 The Italian's hidden somewhere in the shed for protection (6)
27 Attention, donkey. You've deserved it (6)
28 Palmy appointment (4)
29 They should produce a good yarn (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 People are often intent on getting here (4)
2 There's no term arrangement for the tutor (6)
3 Arranged intervals (for astronauts?) (6)
5 It's got a neck (6)
6 He's certainly willing to try (8)
7 Drank heavily, up at headquarters (5)
9 Ten get chased round and punished (9)
10 There's an animal in the orchestra (4-5)
13 Beastly creatures likely to get in a wax (5)
15 Agencies in the same diagram (5)
16 Calmly made up (8)
18 His work is a real picture (6)
19 Hangs loosely with three pounds so out (5)
20 Keep it near maybe (6)
21 Fawn is sound as a bell at heart (6)
25 Does it produce poems? (4)



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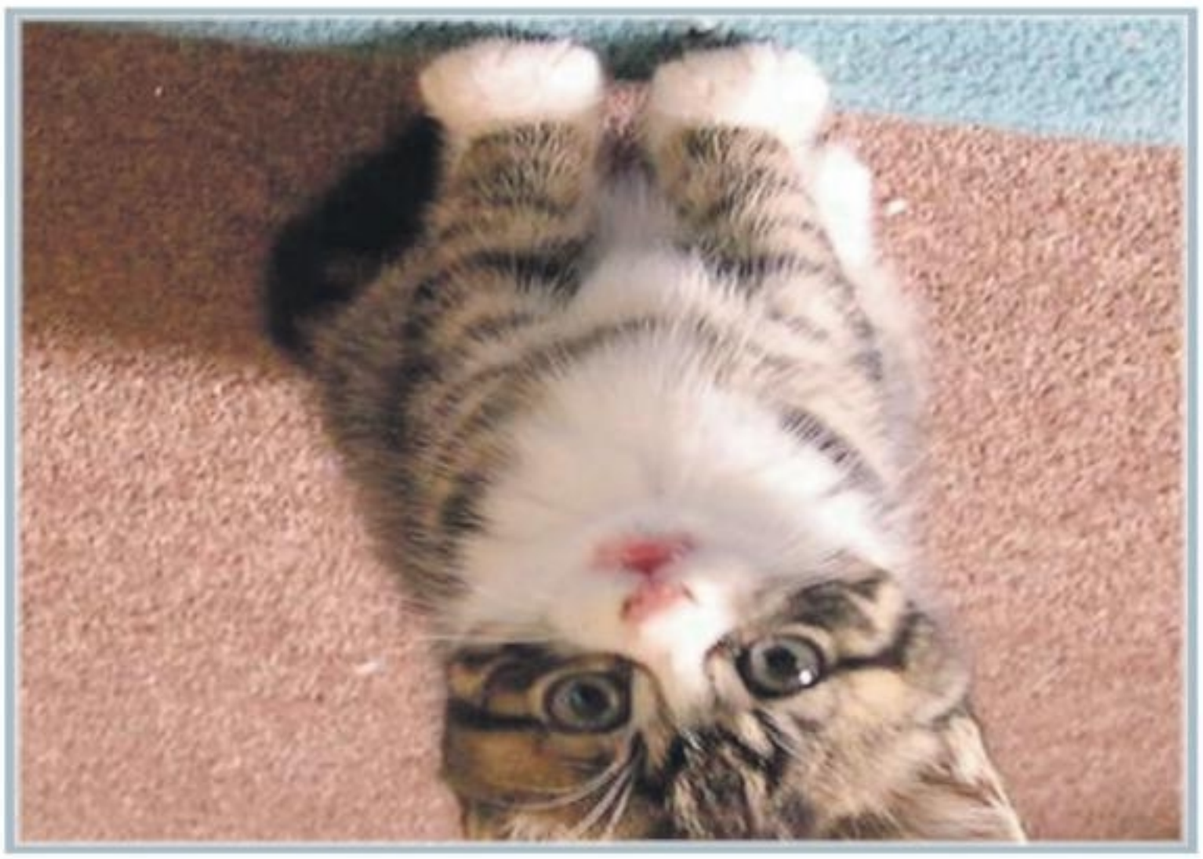

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Across: 1 Backache 4 Band 8 Minute 10 Spites 11 Unite 12 Slang 14 Oracle 17 Sleepwalk 18 Shadowing 22 Estate 23 Anger 24 Trays 26 Mantis 27 String 28 Nest 29 Ballasts

Down: 1 Bump 2 Canals 3 Attune 5 Attack 6 Desserts 7 Opera 9 Engenders 10 Stowaways 13 Alpha 15 Along 16 Waterman 18 Stands 19 Attic 20 Instil 21 Genius 25 Ages

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Camisole 4 Acre 8 Maniac 10 Cellos 11 Cheap 12 Hosea 14 Romany 17 Red setter 18 Allegoric 22 Person 23 Rears 24 Least 26 Shield 27 Earned 28 Date 29 Spinners

Down: 1 Camp 2 Mentor 3 Spaced 5 Collar 6 Essayist 7 Depot 9 Chastened 10 Cart-horse 13 Seals 15 Media 16 Composed 18 Artist 19 Lolls 20 Retain 21 Cringe 25 Odes

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Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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The comic, who has made numerous appearances on TV panel shows while also writing material for fellow comedians, will be joined by funny man Leroy Brito and another comic yet to be named.

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Saturday August 13th

BBC1

Match of the Day, 10.30pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Olympic Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** Andrea Oliver and Theo Randall prepare culinary treats. (S) **11.30 Home Cooking Made Easy** How to prepare a selection of stylish dishes. (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** Eilidh Barbour and guests look ahead to the weekend's fixtures. (S) **12.45 Olympics 2016** Hazel Irvine introduces rowing and athletics coverage. (S) **5.00 BBC News** (S) **5.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.20 Olympics 2016** Further coverage of day eight of the Olympic Games. (S)

7

7.00 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding introduces the latest coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games, with the focus solely on the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events. (S)

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9

10

10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11

11.55 Olympics 2016 Jason Mohammad presents further coverage on day eight of the Olympics. (S)

AFTER 12

4.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **4.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Versailles, 11.55pm

6.10 FILM Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) (U) (S) **7.50 FILM The 39 Steps (1935) (U)** (S) **9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016** (S) **12.45 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.45 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.45 Escape to the Country** A couple search for their first house in Worcestershire. (S)(R) **3.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** Round-up of football results. (S) **5.15 Full Steam Ahead** Reliving the golden age of steam railways. (S)(R) **6.15 Dad's Army** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra 2016** Katie Derham presents live from the Royal Albert Hall ahead of tonight's Gershwin Gala. (S)

7.30 BBC Proms 2016 Katie Derham presents from the Royal Albert Hall as conductor John Wilson and his orchestra revisit some of American songwriting duo George and Ira Gershwin's most memorable tunes. (S)

9.30 Edinburgh Nights New series. Kirsty Wark introduces highlights from the city's annual arts and cultural festivals. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws. (S)
10.10 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding presents coverage of the eighth day of competition at the Olympic Games. (S)

11.55 Versailles The traitor changes tactics and strikes at those closest to Louis. Last in the series; (S)(R) Inside Versailles. (S)(R)

4.00 FILM The Kid with a Bike (2011) (12) Drama, starring Thomas Doret and Cecile De France. **2.20 FILM Treacle Jr (2010) (15)** Drama, starring Aidan Gillen and Tom Fisher. (S) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One, 8pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) (PG)** (S) **1.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.30 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **2.30 Doc Martin** Mark's stag night ends in disaster. (S)(R) **3.30 River Monsters** A fish is suspected of killing a honeymooning bride in Colombia. (S)(R) **4.00 FILM The Mummy (1999) (12)** Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. (S) **6.15 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S) **6.45 You've Been Framed!** Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. (S)

7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

8.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One Looking at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Features interviews with 80s icons such as Spandau Ballet and Madness. Zoe Ball narrates. (S)(R)

9.30 FILM The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) An amnesiac man pulled from the sea by the crew of a fishing boat is targeted by assassins as he tries to discover who he is. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. (S)

11.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.15 FILM The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) Concludes. (S)

12.00 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Couples Come Dine with Me, 4.30pm

6.15 Shipping Wars (S)(R) **6.40 Gillette World Sport** (S) **7.05 Armoy Road Races** Action from the motorcycling event in Armoy, Co Antrim. (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** Racing preview with Gina Harding. (S) **10.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. (S) **4.30 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.20 FILM Men in Black II (2002) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. (S)

8.00 FILM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) A genetically engineered chimpanzee develops superior intelligence and leads other apes to rebel against the human race. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco. (S)

10.00 FILM Gladiator (2000) (15) A Roman general is forced to fight as a gladiator and uses his position to seek revenge for the murder of his family. Oscar-winning epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. (S)

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.50** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.55** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **4.15** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) **5.10** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Cricket on 5, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The team face the possibility that Leo will not make a full recovery. (S)(R) **9.00 The Saturday Show Live** With Melanie Sykes, Jake Quickenden and Louise Hazel. (S) **11.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **11.25 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **2.10 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. (S)(R) **6.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. (S)

8.00 Criminally Funny: Caught in the Act Zoe Lyons, Matt Richardson and Dave Spikey introduce a selection of humorous clips capturing the law being broken. (S)(R)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother Marcus Bentley narrates. (S)

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK The Jokers head to a shopping centre to describe their missing wife to the public. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.15** Coronation Street **11.45** Ninja Warrior UK **12.45** Catchphrase **1.35** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **4.40** The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions **5.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) (15) Sci-fi sequel, starring Keanu Reeves. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) (15) Concluded. **11.25** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.55** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Judge Judy **6.30** Where the Heart Is **8.35** Heidi **10.45** Lewis **12.50** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **2.45** Lewis **4.45** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
1.00 Olympics 2016. **4.00** Olympics 2016. Action from the men's football quarter-finals and sailing. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring golf, basketball, tennis and diving. **10.00** Olympics 2016. Including Great Britain v USA in the women's hockey. **2.00** Britain on Film: Country Living **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Jane the Virgin **7.35** The Mindy Project **8.30** Baby Daddy **9.30** Melissa & Joey **12.00** Made in Chelsea: South of France **1.00** New Girl **1.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.25** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** First Dates **2.20** 2 Broke Girls **3.00** Gogglebox **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.35** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** Location, Location, Location **10.15** Come Dine with Me **12.55** Four in a Bed **3.40** Great Canal Journeys **6.55** Location, Location, Location **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **11.55** Father Ted **1.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.10** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) (U) **1.00** Inspector Gadget (1999) (U) **2.40** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Jordana Beatty. **4.30** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** The Sweeney (2012) (15) Crime thriller, with Ray Winstone and Ben Drew. **11.15** Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **1.35** 12 Rounds (2009) (15) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 The Indestructibles **7.20** Sin City Motors **8.10** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.30** Storage Hunters **5.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.30** Storage Hunters **6.00** Storage Hunters UK **6.30** Storage Hunters **7.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **2.00** QI XL **2.50** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Guitar Star **1.00** Futurama **4.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **6.00** Modern Family **9.00** FILM: Gone in 60 Seconds (2000) (15) Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **11.15** A League of Their Own **12.15** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **1.15** The Last Ship **2.10** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **12.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.55** Dice **1.00** The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst **4.00** The Guest Wing **5.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109
6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** The Bill **1.10** EastEnders **3.40** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **7.35** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Sherlock **12.10** Traffic Cops **1.10** Atlantis **3.00** Home Shopping

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Sunday August 14th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 5.30pm

6.00 Olympic Breakfast 7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) **9.00 BBC News** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues. (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **12.45 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.00 Olympics 2016** Featuring the women's marathon and boxing highlights. (S) **5.00 BBC News** (S) **5.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.30 Countryfile** Celebrating 60 years of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. (S) **6.30 Olympics 2016** Including artistic gymnastics and track cycling coverage. (S)

BBC2

Songs of Praise, 4.25pm

6.15 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **6.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **7.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S)(R) **9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016** (S) **1.00 FILM The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) (U)** (S) **2.40 Flog It!** Kate Bliss and David Fletcher visit the Wiltshire town of Warminster. (S)(R) **3.25 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart** The summer season. (S)(R) **4.25 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.00 Olympics 2016** Featuring sailing and artistic gymnastics. (S) **6.30 FILM Megamind (2010) (PG)** Animated superhero comedy, with the voice of Will Ferrell. (S)

ITV

Midsomer Murders, 8pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) (PG)** (S) **1.15 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.25 Long Lost Family** (S)(R) **2.25 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) **3.25 FILM Peter Pan (2003) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, with Jeremy Sumpter and Rachel Hurd-Wood. (S) **5.30 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh** Teams compete to find the most rare and valuable items at Firle Place in Sussex. (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

Channel 4

A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun, 5.30pm

6.05 London Triathlon (S) **7.00 Motor Sport: British GT** (S) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With guests Jessica Hynes and Ricky Gervais. (S) **12.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp helps two friends who are pooling their resources to buy a shared home in East London, while Phil Spencer assists a local woman hoping to make an investment. (S)(R) **5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** Scarlette Douglas takes two retirees to view holiday homes in north Tenerife. (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

Channel 5

Pulp Fiction, 10pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Donnie meets Bigfoot. (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)(R) **11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Now That's Funny!** Featuring animals behaving badly. (S)(R) **1.00 FILM WarGames (1983) (PG)** Thriller, starring Matthew Broderick. (S) **3.10 FILM The Time Machine (2002) (PG)** Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. (S) **5.00 FILM Planet of the Apes (2001) (12)** Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg. (S)

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7.00 The Zoo Life at London Zoo and Whipsnade, following Sumatran tiger cubs, a pygmy hippo receiving treatment for cancer and the team's breeding of its first Humboldt penguin. (S)(R)

7.00 Flying to the Ends of the Earth Arthur Williams makes a journey across Peru, passing through deserts, mountains and jungles and investigating the origin of the famous 2000-year-old Nazca lines. Last in the series. (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. (S)

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8.00 Robot Wars Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles, as a father-son duo and teams of holiday camp staff and engineering students send their creations into the arena. (S)

8.00 Midsomer Murders Mysterious lights are seen in the sky over Cooper Hill, and when a forest ranger suffers a strange death, the visiting UFO spotters are convinced aliens are responsible. (S)(R)

8.00 FILM Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) (12) Premiere. Superhero adventure, with Chris Evans and Hugo Weaving. Edited for language and violence. (S)

8.00 Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring monkeys. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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9.00 Dragons' Den The panel casts their eyes over plans for an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device – but a restaurateur struggles to get across his business plan. Evan Davis presents. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Bournemouth v Manchester United and Arsenal v Liverpool. (S)

10.00 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding and Mark Chapman introduce the latest from day nine of the Games in Rio, including live track cycling coverage and a round-up of the day's action so far. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones The comedian attempts to zigzag his way 1,200 miles through Kenya and Tanzania. (S)(R)

10.30 FILM Cuban Fury (2014) (15) An overweight former salsa dancer tries to regain his confidence so he can return to the dance floor to sweep his boss off her feet. Comedy, starring Nick Frost. (S)

10.00 FILM Pulp Fiction (1994) (18) A series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld. Quentin Tarantino's crime drama, starring John Travolta, Samuel L Jackson and Bruce Willis. (S)

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11.25 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding presents further live coverage on day nine. (S)

11.25 FILM Mister John (2013) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Aidan Gillen. (S)

11.15 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.00 Olympics 2016. Featuring the men's 100m and 400m finals. (S) **3.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **3.05** BBC News (S)

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.50** Holby City (S)(R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

12.15 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) **1.05** Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **1.35** Walking the Himalayas (S)(R) **2.30** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **3.25** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.55** Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Mascara Boys: Sex Me Up (S)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.25** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.30** Coronation Street **11.45** The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions **12.45** Take Me Out **1.55** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **3.40** The X Factor: Top 10 Worst Auditions **4.45** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) **6.55** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** Bordertown **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Heidi **8.00** Heartbeat **10.00** Inspector Morse **12.20** A Touch of Frost **2.25** Wycliffe **3.40** FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) **5.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Royal Stories **9.00** Million Dollar Princesses **10.00** FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Historical drama sequel, starring Cate Blanchett. **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05** FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Concluded. **12.20** Wire in the Blood **3.05** May the Best House Win **4.50** Rising Damp **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

1.00 Olympics 2016. **4.00** Olympics 2016. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring golf, track cycling and diving. **10.00** Olympics 2016. Hockey, weightlifting and beach volleyball. **2.00** Britain on Film: End of Empire **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** The Pendle Witch Child **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.45** How I Met Your Mother **7.35** The Goldbergs **8.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.30** FILM: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) (PG) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Aliens (1986) (18) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **12.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **1.10** Gogglebox **2.00** Containment **2.50** Angie Tribeca **3.10** New Girl **3.30** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **10.55** Phil Spencer's Stately Homes **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Jon Richardson: Nidiot **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** 24 Hours in A&E **1.20** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year **2.25** Phil Spencer's Stately Homes **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Porridge (1979) (PG) **1.00** Rango (2011) (PG) **3.10** The House of Magic (2013) (U) **4.50** Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) **6.55** The Tourist (2010) (12) **9.00** This Is England (2006) (18) Drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose. **11.05** Savages (2012) (15) Crime drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Taylor Kitsch. **1.40** The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser (1974) (PG) **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Trawlermen **8.00** Top Gear **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Motorway Cops **2.00** American Pickers **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **8.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Parks and Recreation **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.00** Would I Lie to You? **1.40** Mock the Week **2.20** QI **2.50** Suits **3.40** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Suicide Squad: Special **12.30** Ninja Warrior Women Tournament **1.00** Don't Tell the Bride **2.00** Four Weddings **3.00** Battle of the Brides **4.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **2.00** Without a Trace **6.00** Cold Case **9.00** Band of Brothers **11.30** Ray Donovan **12.40** The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst **3.25** Without a Trace **4.15** The Guest Wing **5.05** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.05 Passport Patrol **6.30** Bondi Rescue **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** My Dream Home **3.00** Doctor Who **6.40** Outnumbered **8.00** Beauty and the Beast **9.00** Sherlock **11.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Being Human USA **1.45** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **2.30** Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited **3.00** Home Shopping

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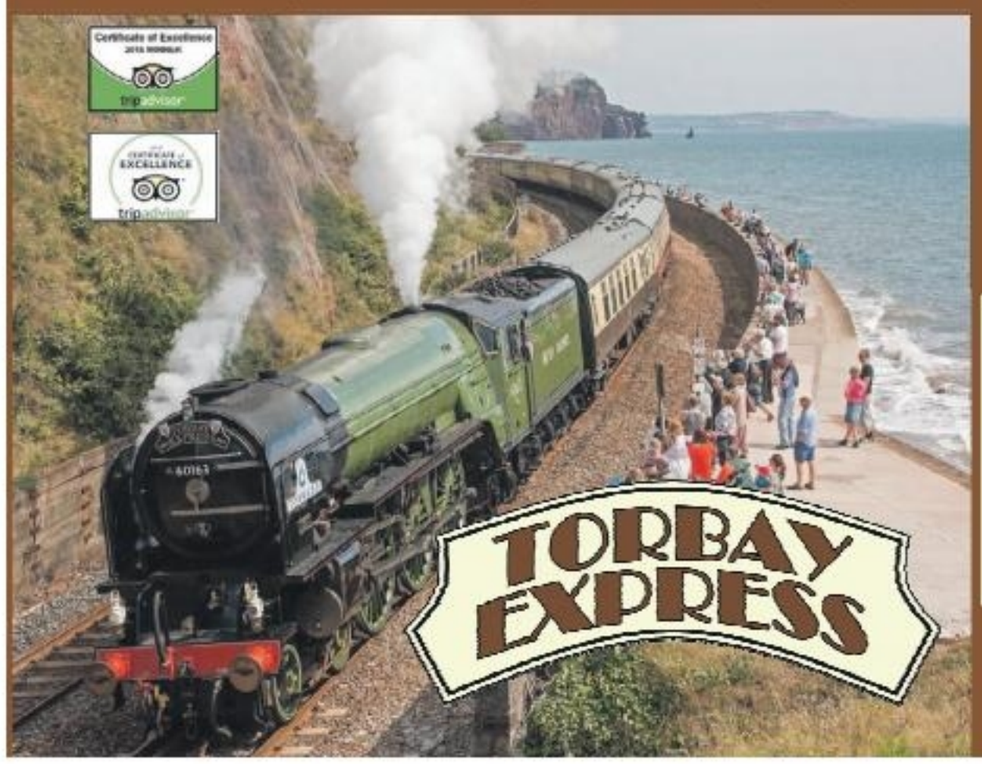

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Weekly fun returns to city

OXFORD'S weekly dose of comedy returns to the Glee Club this Saturday, August 13.

By **James Richings**

Featuring established performers, the evening at the Hythe Bridge Street venue will see comedian Ian Stone joined by fellow comic Leroy Brito and another yet to have been named.

Ian, who has appeared on many TV shows such as 'Mock the Week', 'The 11 O'Clock Show' and 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks', hopes this performance on Saturday will be up there with his very best.

"Performing at the Glee Club in Oxford is one of my career highlights so far that I stayed away for a long time because I didn't want to sully the memory of the last occasion," he revealed to the Guardian. "And it's funny because I got into comedy in the early 1990s after 10 years of slowly coming to the realisation that I was basically unemployable."

Despite being a 'break or bust' industry, entering comedy has given Ian the opportunity to sample many different forms of entertainment.

The funny man, who is an avid football supporter, has appeared on numerous podcasts, television and radio shows, on which he discusses the weekend's football action knowing that without breaking into the comedy world, he wouldn't be able to do one of things he loves the most – just talking about the glorious game.

And, for that, he is incredibly grateful. "The best thing about being a comic is on a Monday morning when I wake up after a leisurely lie-in and go and get a coffee," he said.

"But the worst thing that's ever happened to was when I had a corporate gig on a warm summer's day, where I had been wearing shorts and sandals. But in the evening when I changed into a suit, I realised I'd forgotten to bring socks."

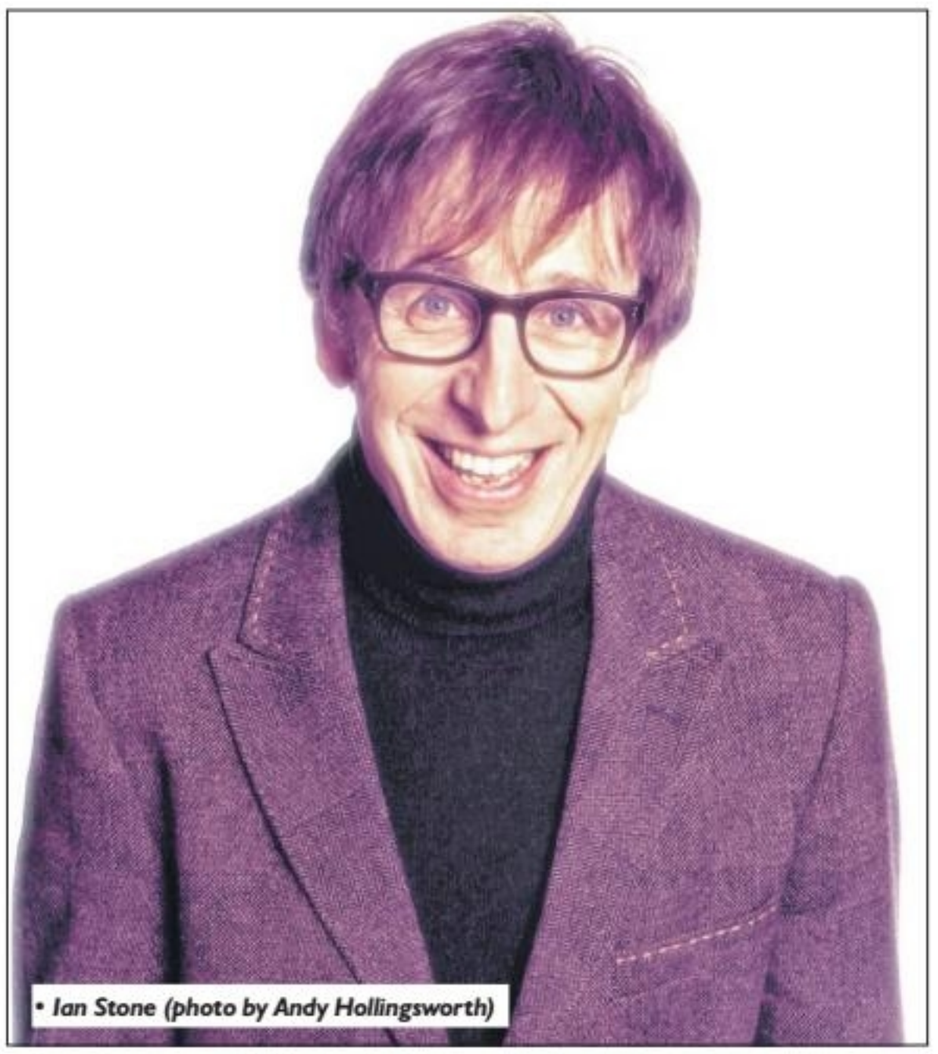
The funny man also revealed to the Guardian that his main comedic inspirations were Laurel and Hardy, Scottish comic Billy Connelly and his father.

And the comic had some words of advice for anyone who is considering having a go at stand-up either as a pastime or as a job.

"If you're dying on stage, get off, and if you're going well on stage, get off."

The funny man added: "I think young people going to see live comedy is great. I think anything that gets them off the Xbox is a good thing."

Suitable for over-18s, tickets for the show cost £14.50 and doors open at 7.15pm.



• Ian Stone (photo by Andy Hollingsworth)

Hustler performs

LIVE MUSIC: High Wycombe-based band Hustler will be performing at O'Neill's in Oxford tomorrow night, Friday, August 12.

The five-piece Buckinghamshire band are regulars at the George Street venue and will perform popular tunes from the likes of The Killers, U2, Daft Punk, Lenny Kravitz and Rihanna.

The gig is free and starts at 8pm.

Popular musical

MUSICAL: The popular 2006 show High School Musical will be performed at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot from Friday, August 12, to Friday, August 14.

Performed by the Cornerstone and Arts Academy Theatre School, the production tells the story of Troy Bolton, a high school jock, who develops feelings for East High School's newest student Gabriella Montez.

Tickets for the show cost £10.

Hayseed blows in

LIVE MUSIC: Parody rock, blues and country band Hayseed Dixie will be gigging at Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday, August 16.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

New season lined up

THE New Theatre in Oxford deserves a month off.

After a jam-packed year for the George Street venue hosting the likes of Bill Bailey, 'Save the Last Dance for Me' and 'American Idiot', the New Theatre hasrevealed its line-up for the autumn and winter months of 2016.

The first show will be 'The Glenn Miller Story', which arrives in Oxford on Tuesday, August 30, and runs until Saturday, September 3.

Starring English music legend Tommy Steele, the show celebrates the life of Glenn Miller, who is regarded as one of the best big band musicians from the early 20th century.

By **James Richings**

Glenn's life was cruelly snatched away when the plane he was travelling on disappeared over the English Channel in December 1944 and was never recovered.

The American musician was on his way to France to entertain US troops who were fighting in the Second World War.

The first comedian to arrive at the New Theatre will be Sean Lock, who visits the venue on Sunday, September 25.

The 53-year-old, whose CV of jobs includes labouring and goat herding in France before his career switch, is visiting the venue on his national 'Keep it Light' tour.

Fellow comedian Nina Conti will be bringing more gags 10 days later.

The 42-year-old appeared at the Oxford Playhouse a year ago, and returns as part of her 'In Your Face' tour on Wednesday, October 5.

'An Evening of Burlesque' will give things a bit of a twist for over-18s for its stop in Oxford on Friday, October 14, during its tour taking in Milan, Minsk, Helsinki, St Petersburg and Zurich.

But the younger generations are not forgotten, with various family-friendly productions making the line-up at the New Theatre this season.

A stage version of 'The Sound of Music' comes to the theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, September 6 to 10.

And on Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20, Peppa Pig and her friends will be heading to Oxford.

The two-day event will see Mummy and Daddy Pig plan a huge surprise for Peppa and younger brother George, but they can't guess what it is.

The show will include songs and lots of audience interaction.

For more information about what's on at the New Theatre, visit www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-theatre-oxford

• *Lucy O'Byrne and Andrew Lancel star in a stage version of The Sound of Music (Photo by Peter Dewhirst*

New Theatre's autumn programme:

August
Tuesday, August 30 – Saturday, September 3
The Glenn Miller Story

September
Tuesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 10
The Sound of Music

Thursday, September 15
One Night of Queen

Friday, September 16
The Illegal Eagles

Saturday, September 17
The Carpenters Story

Saturday, September 25
Sean Lock – Keep It Light

Tuesday, September 27 – Saturday, October 1
CATS

October
Wednesday, October 5
Nina Conti: In Your Face

Friday, October 7 – Saturday, October 8
Sleeping Beauty

Sunday, October 9
Whitney – Queen of the Night

Wednesday, October 12
Christy Moore

Friday, October 14
An Evening of Burlesque

Saturday, October 15
Free Family Fun Day – Family Arts Festival

Sunday, October 16
Level 42

Monday, October 17
The Australian Pink Floyd Show

Wednesday, October 19 – Thursday, October 20
Peppa Pig

Friday, October 21
Professor Brian Cox

Saturday, October 22
A Vision of Elvis

Sunday, October 23
Pink Martini

Monday, October 24
Mums the Word 2

Wednesday, October 26
WNO: Macbeth

Thursday, October 27 – Saturday, October 29
WNO: Kiss me Kate

Monday, October 31 – Saturday, November 5
Ghost

November
Monday, November 7 – Saturday, November 12
The Shawshank Redemption

Thursday, September 17
The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Sunday, November 20
Jools Holland

Tuesday, November 22
David Essex

Wednesday, November 23
The Catherine Tate Show – Live

Thursday, November 24
Al Murray

Friday, November 25
The Magic of Mowtown

Monday, November 28 – Wednesday, November 30
The Mousetrap

December
Thursday, December 1
Show of Hands

Friday, December 2
Christmas with the Overtones

Saturday, December 3
The Sensational 60's Experience

Friday, December 9
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Saturday, December 10
Adam Hills

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Culham

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Spacious four-bedroom family home in Marcham

A large detached family home in the village location of Marcham, two miles west of Abingdon on Thames, has gone on the market for rent.

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The four-bedroom house also has a family shower room, modern kitchen leading to large utility room, dining room, sitting room, cloakroom, conservatory, double garage and driveway parking for three cars. It comes unfurnished.

Village amenities include a primary school, a village pub, post office, community shop and parish church.

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£1,000 top prize up for grabs in community-focused video competition

Entries have been flooding in for a community-focused film competition that is offering a top prize of £1,000.

Property specialist Leaders is running its Love Living In video competition for a second year following its successful debut in 2015, asking people to create a short video of no more than three minutes that shows exactly why they love their home town.

The film-maker who is judged to have created the best video will win £1,000, plus an additional £1,000 for a community group* of their choice. There are also prizes of £500 plus £500 for a community group for the young person who produces the best film and the winner of a People's Choice award decided by social media views and shares.

Allison Thompson, managing director at Leaders, said: "Everybody has a different reason for choosing to live in their village, town or city. Love Living In allows us to experience the most special places across the country through the eyes of the people who love them the most.

"Most people own a smartphone or tablet so it is easy to get outdoors and shoot a few minutes of film that captures the beauty, culture or spirit of a particular location.

"This competition is designed to allow people to show off the very best of their communities, so it is fitting that community institutions - such as schools, sports clubs and voluntary groups - will benefit from the prizes."

Love Living In 2016 opened on July 1 and a number of videos have already been received. The deadline for entries is September 16 and winners will be announced by September 30.

For more information on Love Living In and how to enter or to view last year's films, visit lovelivingin.co.uk.

Post Brexit - are Oxford Property Prices set to drop £39,900?

Even the UK's biggest optimist has to admit the Brexit vote will, in one shape or another, affect the UK property market, *writes Bill Cooper.*

Excluding central London which may benefit from increased foreign investment, most commentators are saying prices will be adversely affected by around 10 per cent.

So, based on the commentators' thoughts, property values in Oxford will be 10 per cent lower than they would have been if we hadn't voted to leave the EU.

Given that Oxford voted overwhelmingly 'remain', this seems a particularly bitter pill to swallow.

As the average value of a property in the Oxford City Council area is £399,000, this means property values are set to drop for the average Oxford property by £39,900 - batten down the hatches, cancel the Christmas turkey, soup kitchens and mega recession here we come! It's going to get rough.

But before we all go into panic mode let's remember the devil is always in the detail.

Look at the phrase again, and I have highlighted the relevant part: "Property values in Oxford will be ***10 per cent lower than they would have been*** if we hadn't voted to leave the EU".

Property values today, according to the Land Registry, are 10.43 per cent higher than a year ago in the Oxford City Council area. The 12 months before that they rose by 14.68 per cent and the 12 months before that, they rose by 9.36 per cent.

If we hadn't voted to leave, I believe based on this trend data, we could have safely assumed Oxford house prices would have been 11 per cent higher by the summer of 2017. And, that's the point, we won't see a house price crash in Oxford, it's just that house prices in a year's time may only be one per cent higher than they are now.

Let's look at the historic figures and how that compares to today's figures for Oxford as a whole:

- Average value of a property 20 years ago: £75,800
- Average value of a property 10 years ago: £235,300
- Average value of a property two years ago: £315,100
- Average value of a property one year ago: £361,300
- Average value of a property today: £399,000
- Projected value of a property in 12 months' time: £403,000

I believe the average value of an Oxford property will, at the worst case, be £4,000 higher in 12 months' time than today.

That's not to say Oxford property prices might not dip slightly in the run up to Christmas, but in 12 months' time this is my considered opinion of where Oxford property values will be.

Looking at the historic prices, even if I am wrong and they drop 10 per cent from today's figure, in the grand scheme of things, we have been through a Credit Crunch, Black Monday and 15 per cent interest rates over the last 30 years, and still Oxford house prices have offered a healthy return.

What about Oxford landlords? They have recently been thrashed by Osborne's tax changes, but yields could yet rise marginally if house prices stagnate and rents continue to grow.

If prices were to level or come down that could help landlords to add to their portfolio, and they would be wise to do so given that rental demand is expected to stay strong.

For more thoughts on the Oxford Property market, visit oxfordpropertyblog.co.uk.

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When you buy, get given, or take in a kitten the chances are it is un-neutered. So why not start a KITTY fund, while the kitten is small, by putting money aside each week to help pay for ongoing costs.

For those of you who are having financial difficulties there is help in the form of Vouchers from the RSPCA, The Blue Cross, and the PDSA, but you are still expected to have a kitty fund to help out.

Although I have mentioned female kittens, the males need doing too. This is cheaper as the operation is easier but it is just as important. Once the males start roaming after females (and they will travel a 8 mile radius possibly getting run over in the process) they will get into fights, cause damage to other peoples cats, and pass on diseases to both males and females. And they will make your house stink with their male smell, ugh!

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

'Glasgow Girls' arrive

WE have seen Ruby Wax, Romesh Ranganathan and Josh Widdicombe all stride through the doors of the Oxford Playhouse over the 2015/2016 season. So what does the next one have to offer?

While many stages enjoy some down time over August before the start of the 2016/2017 season in September, the Oxford Playhouse has plugged on with a family favourite 'Peter Pan in Scarlett' from Friday, August 12, to Sunday, September 4.

But it's 'Glasgow Girls' that will really be raising the curtain as the new season's debut show.

By **James Richings**

It follows the true story of seven feisty teenagers whose lives change forever when their school friend and her asylum-seeking family are forcibly taken from their home to be deported.

The powerful political drama is described as 'life-affirming', and will run from Wednesday, September 7, until Saturday, September 9.

Changing the tone will be soprano singer, musician and broadcaster Lesley Garrett. The 61-year-old from Doncaster will be singing and discussing the highs and lows of her colourful career from Tuesday, October 4, to Saturday, October 8.

One of the first comedians to arrive at the Oxford Playhouse this season will be American Rich Hall on Saturday, November 12. The funny man, who was a regular sketch comic on the popular US entertainment show, 'Saturday Night Live', will be visiting on his UK tour 'Rich Hall Live'.

Just round the corner from the Oxford Playhouse in Beaumont Street, the Burton Taylor Studio in Gloucester Street also boasts an impressive catalogue for the 2016/2017 season.

'The Eulogy of Toby Peach' gives a frank account of his experience with blood cancer Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and runs from Thursday, September 8, to Friday, September 9. The audience will join him on his journey to the (not so) exclusive Cancer Club of chemotherapy cocktails, selecting the perfect funeral playlist and marveling at Willy Wonka's life-saving stem cell machine.

A few weeks later, 'Spine' will take to the stage, penned by Channel 4 writer Clara Brennan. The play looks at the friendship between a wise-cracking teenager and an elderly East End widow and is on from Thursday, September 29 until Friday, September 30.

For more information about the line-ups, visit www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

• *A scene from 'Peter Pan in Scarlet' (photo by Geraint Lewis)*

Oxford Playhouse and Burton Taylor Studio:

OXFORD PLAYHOUSE

August

Friday, August 12 – Sunday, September 4
Peter Pan in Scarlett

September

Wednesday, September 7 – Saturday, September 10
Glasgow Girls

Monday, September 12 – Saturday, September 17
Relatively Speaking

Tuesday, September 20 – Saturday, September 24
A Tale of Two Cities

Monday, September 26
An Audience With Lesley Garrett

Wednesday, September 28 – Saturday, October 1
Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme

October

Tuesday, October 4 – Saturday, October 8
Things I Know to Be True

Wednesday, October 12 – Saturday, October 15
Anything Goes

Tuesday, October 18 – Saturday, October 22
Lady Chatterley's Lover

Friday, October 21
The Charles Simonyi Annual Lecture

Tuesday, October 25 – Saturday, October 29
Sand in the Sandwiches

Friday, October 28
Cerrie Burnell

November

Wednesday, November 2 – Saturday, November 5
The Nether

Friday, November 4
Sonnet Remix

Tuesday, November 8
Let All The People Rejoice

Wednesday, November 9
Gasp

Thursday, November 10
City Stories

Friday, November 11
The Pasadena Roof Orchestra

Saturday, November 12
Rich Hall

Monday, November 14 – Saturday, November 19
Oliver

Friday, November 15 – Sunday, January 8
Cinderella

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September

Wednesday, September 7
Croft and Pearce

Thursday, September 8 – Friday, September 9
The Eulogy of Toby Peach

Saturday, September 10
Pinocchio

Monday, September 12
Until You Hear That Bell

Tuesday, September 13
Equations for a Moving Body

Wednesday, September 14
Save + Quit

Thursday, September 15 – Friday, September 16
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Family

Saturday, September 17
Tales from Old Japan

Monday, September 26
The Amplitude

Tuesday, September 27 – Wednesday, September 28
Weirdos Present

Thursday, September 29 – Friday, September 30
Spine Snowflakes

October

Saturday, October 1
The Oxford Fun Palace

Wednesday, October 5 - Saturday, October 8
Operation Crucible

December

Thursday, December 8 – Saturday, December 31
Snowflakes

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Thu, Aug 11, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BIG D AND THE KIDS TABLE
Big D and the Kids Table has paved their own way, spreading their explosive music around the world. Beginning as a ska-punk band in 1996 the group has released over 13 albums, ranging in style across dub, thrash and reggae.

Fri, Aug 12, 10pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BERES HAMMOND
One of Jamaica's greatest singer songwriters and the ultimate Lovers Rock singer, Beres Hammond has pioneered soulful reggae music since his career began over 40 years ago. Beres' beloved hit-filled repertoire, spread across a massive 26 studio albums, is a journey that every music lover should take a trip through; from soul and funked up reggae jams, dancehall, rock steady and of course the love.

Fri, Aug 12 – Sun, Aug 14
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
Cornerstone's summer school takes to the stage. There's trouble at East High School when new student Gabriella has found her way to being a brainiac and a great singer. In Disney's smash hit show anything goes but eventually everyone realises that being yourself and having your own identity is best.
Up to 50 local young people perform in this fast paced, fun show! This is a joint project between Cornerstone and Arts Academy Theatre School.

Performances are taking place on the following dates:

Sat, Aug 13, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BETTER THAN NEVER

Mon, Aug 15 – Fri, Aug 19
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
TAKE PART SUMMER: DRAMA WEEKS FOR 8 – 12
Working with theatre professionals, participants will develop a piece of theatre together and learn how performances transfer from the rehearsal room to the stage. The week culminates in performances on our stage at 6.30pm on Friday.

Tue, Aug 16, 7.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
HAYSEED DIXIE
Performing a combination of original compositions and bluegrass cover versions of hard rock songs, Hayseed Dixie are acknowledged as the creator of the musical genre 'rockgrass'.

Tue, Aug 16, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
JOSH WIDDICOMBE
Josh Widdicombe, that guy from the TV comedy shows with the curly hair, is back on the road with a brand new tour. Since he's been away from stand up Josh has been working hard on other things but don't worry, in his spare time he has found a lot of minor things to get annoyed about, and now he

COMEDY

has a chance to talk about them on stage.

Fri, Aug 19, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
DEATH OF THE MAIDEN

Sat, Aug 20, 2pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
PLUNDERED
Whilst searching for hidden treasure, Captain Blackbeard, a famously selfish pirate, has left a once beautiful tropical island littered with rubbish and its inhabitants struggling to survive. It's up to Maggie and Roy to save it. The trouble is... they're REALLY not friends. Teleported from their school trip at the Maritime Museum into the centre of a swashbuckling adventure in the Amazon, can they learn to work together, win the race to find the legendary treasure - and restore the place to its natural glory?

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Tue, Aug 30, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
TRUMBO
In 1947, Dalton Trumbo (Bryan Cranston of Breaking Bad fame) was Hollywood's top screenwriter until he and other artists were jailed and blacklisted for their political beliefs.
This star-studded film recounts how Dalton used scripts and wit to win two Academy Awards and expose the absurdity and injustice of the blacklist, which entangled celebrities including gossip columnist Hedda Hopper (Helen Mirren), John Wayne and Kirk Douglas.

Tue, Aug 30 – Sat, Aug 3
New Theatre, Oxford
THE GLENN MILLER STORY
It's been seventy years since Glenn Miller vanished over the English Channel as he flew to Paris to entertain the troops during the Second World War. Did he crash? Was he shot down? Will the mystery ever be solved?
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Tommy's legendary career boasts countless hit singles, Hollywood movies and award-winning stage musicals such as Half a Sixpence, Hans Andersen and Singin' in the Rain at the London Palladium, where he was recently honoured with a prestigious plaque celebrating the fact that he remains the theatre's most successful ever star.

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Joining Hanisha Sethi and Felicity Walker as news guests:
Thursday 11th Aug: Tania Wasilewski talks skydiving for a cause close to her
Friday 12th Aug: Michael Oliver has won gold and silver in a national cycling competition
Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th Aug: Please contact us if you'd like to be a guest on the show.

On Talk Oxfordshire, on Thursdays it's **Beverley** talking business, **Friday Emma-Jane Taylor** talks health, **Monday Ross Arrowsmith** learns speciality dishes, on **Tuesday Daisy Smith** talks current affairs and on **Wednesday Eve Ahmed** talks all things community

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Described by Mike Harding as sounding 'damn fine' and by Seth Lakeman as 'a fantastic duo', Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles.
Most recently, Ninebarrow were announced winners of Fatea Magazine's 'Debut Album of the Year' 2014'.

Tue, Sept 6 – Sat, Sept 10
New Theatre, Oxford
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
One of the greatest musicals of all time returns to the stage in a magnificent new production to enchant the young and the young at heart.

This wonderfully lavish new staging tells the true story of the world-famous von Trapp singing family, from their romantic beginnings and search for happiness, to their thrilling escape to freedom at the start of WWII.
Lucy O'Byrne, fresh from her success on BBC One's The Voice, plays the role of Maria. She became the competition's runner up in 2015, impressing the nation and chart topper will.i.am with her stunning vocal range. Award winning TV and stage leading-man Andrew Lancel plays the dashing Captain von Trapp. Lancel, who is best known to TV audiences for his portrayal of villainous businessman Frank Foster in Coronation Street and for the role of DI Neil Manson in The Bill, drew critical acclaim in the title role of the West End production Epstein - The Man Who Made the Beatles.

Thu, Sept 8 – Fri, Sept 9
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
THE EULOGY OF TOBY PEACH
I was born on the 18th December 1988. I dressed up as a bandicoot once. I was diagnosed with cancer 3,322,000 minutes ago...
Toby has come to deliver his Eulogy. Join him as he enters the (not so) exclusive Cancer Club; sample chemotherapy cocktails, select the perfect funeral playlist and marvel at Willy Wonka's life-saving stem cell machine.
From diagnosis to remission, relapse and treatment; experience a young man's journey with cancer in this honest, fascinating and inspiring exploration of modern science and the human body.
A "heartfelt and buoyant" (???? Stage) discovery of self-mortality and celebration of life!

Mon, Sept 12, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
UNTIL YOU HEAR THAT BELL
Told through spoken word and within timed boxing rounds, Until You Hear That Bell is a story about amateur boxing and family. It's about doing something for ten years, and slowly getting good at it.
Birthed from the 2010 Roundhouse poetry collective, Sean has won Literary Death Match twice, performed on Channel 4's Random Acts and co-hosts the monthly poetry night, BoxediN.

Tue, Sept 13, 7.30p
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
EQUATIONS FOR A MOVING BODY
Equations for a Moving Body is a story about endurance – when our brains tell our bodies to stop – and the psychology of carrying on. It is a story about preparing mind and body and the people who share that journey with us. What carries us to the finish line? What's left at the end of 141 miles of swimming, cycling and running?
Inspired by her own experience in triathlons and iron man events, with help from scientists and psychologists, and a documentary filmmaker, Hannah Nicklin will share what it means to attempt a great feat of endurance, and ask why we do these (frankly ridiculous) kinds of things.

Thu, Sept 15 – Fri, Sept 16
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE FAMILY

Join UK all-star poetry slam champion Ben Norris as he battles the country's most notorious service stations in search of the man who became his father.

Tue, Sept 20 – Sat, Sept 24
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
A TALE OF TWO CITIES
In an age when governments across the world face increasing unrest, Dickens' classic tale seems more relevant than ever.
With a bold new dramatic adaptation byMike Poulton (Wolf Hall, RSC) and rousing music by Oscar-winning Rachel Portman, this production is alive with passion and rebellion.
Considered by Dickens to be "the best story I have ever written", this tale weaves an intense family drama with the terror and chaos of the French Revolution. An epic story of love, sacrifice and redemption amidst an ever-changing world.

Thu, Sept 22, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
GARY NUMAN
Tubeway Army frontman Gary Numan celebrates his classic albums Replicas, The Pleasure Principle and Telekon. His new

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Fri, Sept 23, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
ANDY ROBBINS AND MICHAEL AXENDERRIE
Signed to BFS records and a regular performer at Cornerstone, Andy has performed at the last two beer and music festivals and blows everyone away with the power and intensity of his performances. What we are really excited about is not just his great voice and passionate guitar-playing but the calibre of his song writing.
His latest work is really something to get excited about and we feel he is on the brink of becoming a huge name. He is already a regular on the Oxford music scene, having performed at the O2 Academy and Jericho Tavern but has also performed in almost every major city in the UK as well as playing several European dates.
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Mon, Sept 26, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Mon, Sept 26, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
AN AUDIENCE WITH LESLEY GARRETT
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Tue, Sept 27 – Sat, Oct 1,
New Theatre, Oxford
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Thu, Sept 29, - Fri, Sept 30
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SPINE
From fast-rising Channel 4 playwright, Clara Brennan, comes the Fringe First and Herald Angel Award-winning Spine, a hilarious and heartbreaking call to arms for our modern age.
Spine charts the explosive friendship between a ferocious, wise-cracking teenager and an elderly East End widow. Mischievous activist pensioner Glenda is hell-bent on leaving a political legacy and saving Amy from the Tory scrapheap.
In this era of damaging cuts and disillusionment, has politics forgotten people? Can we really take the power back? Amy is about to be forced to find out.

Sun, Oct 2, 2pm
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Fri, Oct 7, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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Fri, Oct 7 – Sat, Oct 8
New Theatre, Oxford
SLEEPING BEAUTY
A sumptuous and scintillating Sleeping Beauty that highlights the magic and splendour of the triumph of good over evil. As Aurora pricks her finger the curse of the wicked Aunt Carabosse comes true until the Prince awakens her with a kiss, the spell is broken and Carabosse dies.
International principal dancers, Amy Drew, Adele Robbins, Oliver Speers, Brenden Bratulic and Steven Wheeler as Carabosse dance the leading roles in a glittering and highly dramatic production of this most famous of all ballets, featuring an impressive cast of up to 100 young dancers.
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Sat, Oct 8, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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• *The Mazda 3 Sport Black 120PS - SKYACTIV-G Petrol*

By **Anthony Yates**

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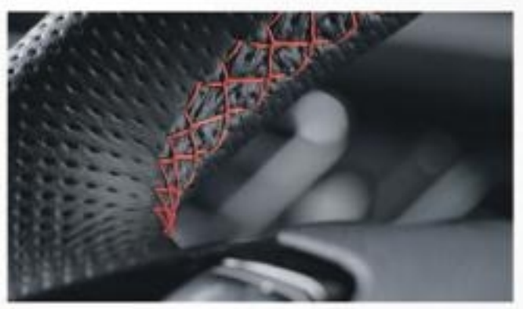

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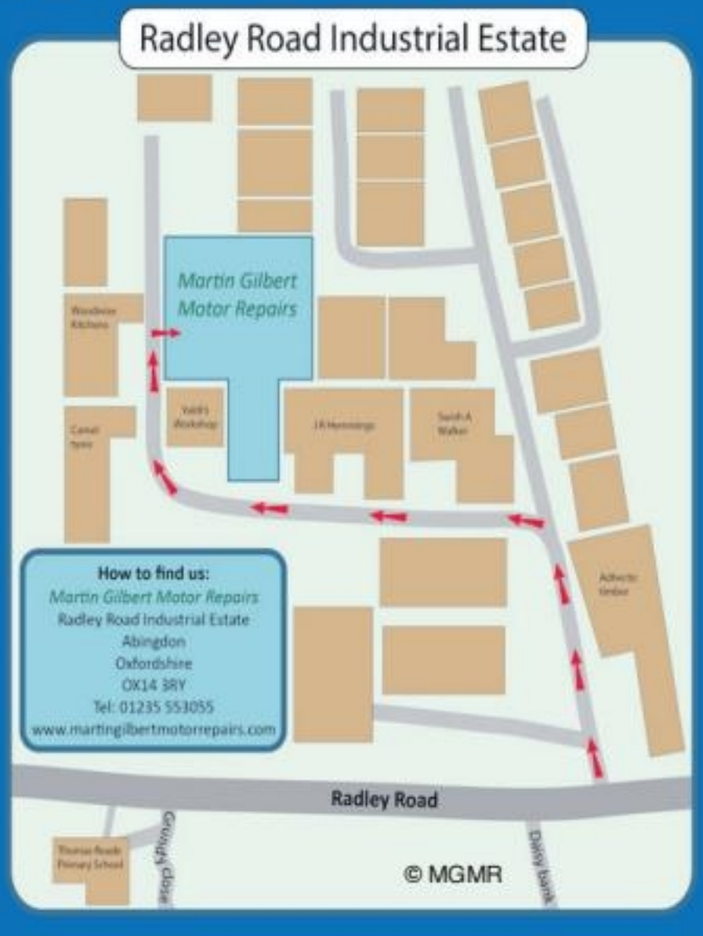

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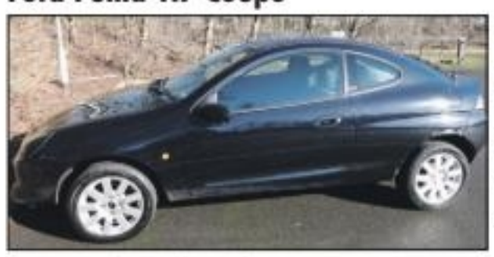

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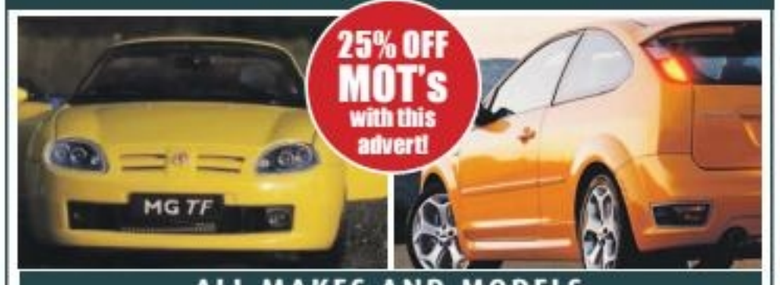

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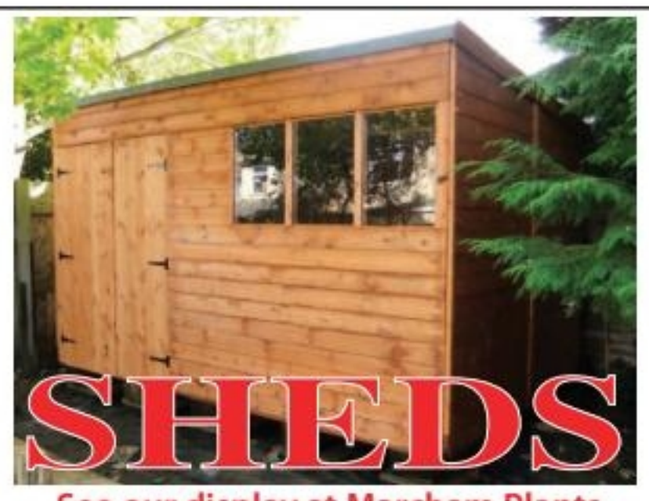

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500 not out for Plato

By **George Welch**

OXFORD'S BTTC racer Jason Plato is to make his 500th race in the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship in Sunday's race at Knockhill in Dunfermline, Scotland.

Plato is the most successful driver in BTCC history, having amassed 94 victories in his glittering career to date, and the tin-top legend will reach another notable milestone at Knockhill next weekend.

The opening race on Sunday will be his 500th in Britain's toughest car racing championship.

He holds a record of nearly one win in every five races, ensuring an outstanding and long-lasting legacy in the series.

He said: "I'm sure it's something I'll look back on fondly at the end of my career, but for now I'm focussed on the job at hand.

"I'm more interested in the number of wins I've had than the number of races, to be honest."

Winning remains a big talking point this season, as Plato still searches for his maiden success with Silverline Subaru BMR Racing.

Plato is signed to a multi-year deal with the Japanese marque and is playing the long game, whilst acclimatising himself to rear-wheel-drive machinery for the first time in his BTCC career.

After the race at Snetterton on July 31, he said: "I feel like it's close, but we're not losing too much sleep over it.

"Things just haven't quite gone my way so far this year."

With a career spanning nearly two decades, the ups and downs of motor sport are merely part of the job, but it's fair to say his 500 races have provided some of the best and most memorable performances ever seen in the BTCC.

The good times have outweighed the bad by quite some margin, and you wouldn't put it past him adding to his victory tally at Knockhill next weekend.

The 2016 season so far boasts 10 different race winners and it remains uncertain who the favourite for the title is.

Rob Collard currently leads his younger WSR BMW colleague Sam Tordoff by just three points.

Plato is in 11th position on 125 points, 63 off the summit.

His Subaru teammate Colin Turkington is in fifth on 154 points.

• Jason Plato in action (picture courtesy of @JakobEbrey)

• Oxford in action against Hemel (Picture courtesy of Oxford RL)

Blues dominate Stags

OXFORD RL secured their biggest win since their formation back in 2012, as they ripped through Hemel 46-10 at Tilsley Park in the League 1 Shield to retain local bragging rights.

The Blues hit the ground with intent and were first on the scoreboard through Jordan Siddons on 12 minutes.

Stags responded well but Oxford pushed further ahead after a great break by forward Ryan Backhouse, who shipped the ball onto Scott Fleming to finish.

Strong defensive pressure caused Hemel to offload in the tackle needlessly and the loose ball was picked up by Oxford's Casey Canterbury.

His well-weighted grubber kick was pounced on by Marcus Brooker as his young son Louis watched on with his mum and proud grandparents.

But Hemel fought back to make it 20-6 at the break.

Head coach Tim Rumford warned his young team that Hemel would throw the kitchen sink at them in the second half.

The Stags did and started lively. But the Oxford defensive mind set was resolute, they weathered the storm and scored next with Josh Nathanial hitting and twisting over the line out wide.

A great break by Nathan Kitson from dummy half meant he fell over the line easily.

Two more Oxford tries by Adam Flintham and Fleming followed as the Blues dominated the game.

Kitson completed a well-deserved hat trick and converted his own try to complete the scoring.

Smith hopes for improvement as MotoGP returns to Austria

OXFORDSHIRE'S Bradley Smith is hoping for a better second half in MotoGP as the World Championship makes a welcome return to Austria on Sunday.

A sell-out crowd is expected after MotoGP's 19-year absence from the country after Salzburgring was deemed too quick and dangerous.

The Red Bull Ring will instead be hosting a motorcycle grand prix event for the first time since 1997.

The NeroGiardini Austrian Grand Prix at the 2.684 miles circuit near Spielberg heralds the start of a hectic second half of the 18 round season, with the final nine races in just 13 weeks.

And Smith arrived in Austria for the second part of the season determined to turn round a disastrous first half.

Smith said: "This year has been tough at times, yet I am confident that I can turn it around, just like I did in 2014, and close my final year with the Monster Yamaha Tech3 Team in a positive way.

"I am certain that our good fortune will start in Austria and even though I think it will be very tight in the race, I am highly motivated.

"I have done a lot of preparation for this track and with the fast flowing corners, it will be fun to ride on my Yamaha YZR-M1."

The Monster Tech3 Yamaha rider is 16th in the world championship after a superb season last year.

He has struggled with the new Michelin tyres and electronics but is confident he can turn it round in the final nine races with the team, before joining the Austrian KTM team next year.

The 25-year-old finished sixth on 181 points last season but the Oxford racer only has 35 points at the halfway stage of this season.

Spaniard Marc Marquez of Repsol Honda currently leads the pack.

• Bradley Smith is ready to kick-start the second half of the season (picture courtesy of @Tech3Racing)

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Grainger one medal away from history

• Katherine Grainger with her gold medal from London 2012

OXFORD Brookes University chancellor Katherine Grainger remains on course to become Britain's most decorated female Olympian.

The four-time Olympian finds herself in the women's double sculls with Vicky Thornley having won gold in London with Anna Watkins, but the story is very much the same.

The TeamGB pair were one of three to row to finals on the morning of day four in Rio, finishing second in Tuesday's semi-final.

And after they clocked 6min 52.47sec, the fourth fastest time overall, to qualify for today's final, her charge for another Olympic rowing medal continues.

Grainger is a British rowing legend having claimed three silvers in a row between Sydney 2000 and Beijing 2008 before finally getting a golden upgrade at London 2012.

Grainger is tied on four Olympic medals with swimmer Rebecca Adlington.

The six-time world champion said: "It is the Olympics where you want to pull out your best races.

"The most pleasing thing was that the first thing we said when we got out of the boat was that we can row a lot better.

"Getting a medal is always the most thrilling, exciting, wonderful thing you can do at an Olympics.

"Right now it is about getting the best performance out of the two of us and if that's fast enough that's where we want to be."

After the duo failed to get on the podium at the European Championships in May, their partnership was nearly disbanded and left the pair in danger of not going to Rio.

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Extra time header boots Birmingham out of cup

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United secured their place in the second round of the EFL Cup in the most dramatic of fashions against Birmingham City at St Andrews on Tuesday night.

It took until the very last minute of extra time for the U's to find the goal against the 2011 cup winners as Liam Sercombe arrived at the far post to head home and send them through.

Former Birmingham centre-half Aaron Martin, who overcame blisters to play against his former club, had the first chance of the game with a second minute header, but his effort was comfortably held by Adam Legzdins in front of the Birmingham goal.

The excellent Chris Maguire pinged a free kick just off target on 25 minutes but the U's were forced into a change just before the half hour when Wes Thomas, also facing his former employers, limped off and was replaced by Kane Hemmings.

It was a night of attrition for the strikers, with Thomas's starting partner Ryan Taylor having to have stitches in a nasty-looking head wound just before half time.

When the home side had a menacing spell before the break, Simon Eastwood made three excellent saves to keep it at 0-0 at the interval.

First he saved from striker James Vaughan, and then there was an even better save to deny Viv Solomon-Otabor moments later before diving full length to rebuff Robert Tesche.

The Yellows weathered the storm and Eastwood had a far quieter time during the second 45 minutes, helped by the impressive Oxford defence.

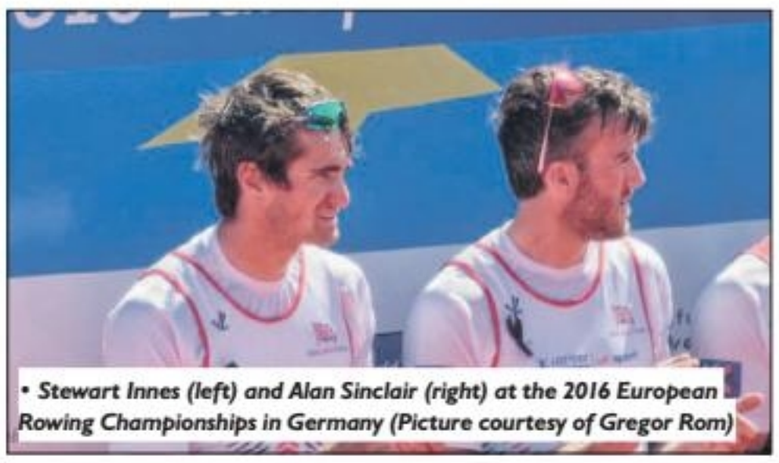
The only question was whether either side could find the breakthrough before extra time. Maguire did his best with a 25-yard effort on 80 minutes but Legzdins got down well to keep out the ex-Rotherham man.

In extra time, Vaughan went close for the hosts with a volley on the turn, but Alex MacDonald went even closer for the U's by blasting goalwards only for the keeper to make his best save of the match just after 100 minutes.

With just seconds to play, a Joe Skarz cross found Sercombe at the far post and the midfielder forced the ball home from the tightest of angles.

• Liam Sercombe in action against Chesterfield on Saturday (picture courtesy of Steve Daniels)

Nerves calm ahead of men's pair final



• Stewart Innes (left) and Alan Sinclair (right) at the 2016 European Rowing Championships in Germany (Picture courtesy of Gregor Rom)

HAVING righted a few wrongs in their semi-final, Oxford rower Stewart Innes believes he and Alan Sinclair will be raring to go in today's men's pair final.

Olympic Games debutant Innes had been upset with the way his opening appearance went on Saturday, as choppy waters caused by high winds at Rio's Lagoa Stadium made things hard work – although they still managed to qualify in second place.

Clear blue skies and lower winds greeted them for Tuesday's semi-finals however and they made the most of the conditions to again come home safely inside the top two to book their spot in the medal race.

He said: "We've been working pretty hard. It was a bit of a shock after the first race–we had a lot of nerves on the start line today and in the first kilometre really.

"We didn't quite settle how we normally would. We hoped to make our second 500m close to our first 500 in speed and I think we've got that ready for the final.

"The nerves have settled a bit now."

And while tempted to get caught up in the whole Olympic experience on their joint Games debuts, Innes insists keeping their focus has meant concentrating mainly on themselves and not other British success.

He said: "It's a fantastic experience, we are enjoying every minute of it."

• *Innes and the TeamGB contingent are supported by Aldi, the first Official Supermarket partner of Team GB*

Windsurfing Shaw playing catch up at halfway point

OXFORDSHIRE windsurfer Bryony Shaw is chasing the pack after two disappointing days at the Rio Olympics meant she slipped out of the RS:X Women's top 10 on Tuesday.

The former Cheney School pupil appeared to suffer no hangover from a tricky opening day as she came out strong in her first race, interchanging positions in the top five before finishing seventh.

But races three and four of the day proved more challenging and she had to dig in for 14th and 12th place finishes, to finish Monday's session in 10th place overall.

And after finishing seventh, 15th and 12th in day two's races, she dropped to 11th in the overall standings after six races.

Shaw will have to put in a strong performance in the next six preliminary races to be able to contend for a medal, as only the top ten sailors go through to the medal race.

Having collected 49 points overall, Shaw, who was favourite for a medal, sits just 1.2 points out of the top 10, but trails the medal positions by 31 points.

Shaw, who used to windsurf on Farmoor Reservoir, said: "The first race I was on pace, I managed to get up into third round the second windward mark, but I unfortunately just underlayed the leeward gate and it cost me four spots.

"Then I just felt off pace when the wind dropped, which is odd for me.

"It was very shifty and tricky and I found myself on the wrong side of a few of those as well."

• Oxfordshire's windsurfer Bryony Shaw competing at the 2016 Rio Olympics (picture courtesy of Sailing Energy/World Sailing)

Points shared with debut goals the order of the day

United return with draw

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United marked their first League One match in 15 years with a draw against Chesterfield on Saturday.

Debut goals from Wes Thomas and Ched Evans meant it was a share of the spoils in the long awaited season opener at the Kassam Stadium.

Head coach Michael Appleton has made 10 signings so far this summer but he only handed starting debuts to Simon Eastwood, Curtis Nelson and Thomas.

There was only a place on the bench for Dan Crowley, Kane Hemmings, Tyler Roberts and Joe Rothwell, while Christian Ribeiro and Aaron Martin both missed out through injury.

For Chesterfield, Evans lined up for his first match in four years following his sacking from Sheffield United in 2012.

It was Thomas who had the first sight at goal of the new season on three minutes, but his cross-cum-shot failed to cause any danger to Ryan Fulton in the Chesterfield goal.

Oxford gradually took control of the first half, with both teams up for the occasion but both sides failed to create many goal scoring opportunities in the scorching Oxford sun.

Oxford's new number nine Thomas was cynically brought down by Charlie Raglan and the resulting free kick by Chris Maguire, who was making his 'second debut' for the club, was swung wide.

But Ryan Taylor should have scored on 20 minutes when he got in behind the visitors' defence, but his chip was underweighted and easy for the 'keeper to deal with.

The U's grew into the first half and took the lead on 30 minutes.

Thomas celebrated his debut goal with a tap in following good attacking build up play. The first League One goal of the season caused pandemonium in the Kassam Stadium.

And he should have doubled the advantage immediately after the restart when a beautifully weighted Liam Sercombe through ball saw him in on goal – but he could only clip the base of the post.

Evans' first sight of goal came on 56 minutes, but Eastwood was equal to his effort. The former Wales international wasted another chance 10 minutes later, this time blasting the ball high, wide and into the car park behind Eastwood's goal before his touch let him down to squander another opportunity when through on goal.

But it didn't prove costly, as Evans stepped up to convert a 75th minute free kick from 25 yards to share the points.

• Wes Thomas made a goal scoring debut for Oxford (picture courtesy of Steve Daniels)

Haryanto out at Manor

BANBURY-BASED Manor Racing has replaced Rio Haryanto for the rest of this season.

Renault reserve driver Esteban Ocon will take his place as of the Belgian Grand Prix at the end of this month alongside regular driver Pascal Wehrlein.

Haryanto had only signed a deal with Manor to complete the first 11 races of the year, although this was subsequently extended to include the German Grand Prix.

The Indonesian had been hopeful of securing the funding that would have seen him finish the season, but this has been unsuccessful.

However he remains with the team as the reserve driver.

Dave Ryan, Manor's racing director, said: "Rio's team have worked tirelessly to try to resolve the situation with his Indonesian backers and we have supported those efforts as much as possible, including allowing Rio to race in Germany.

"Unfortunately we reached a point where, in the best interests of the team, we were forced to explore other options for the remainder of the season."

Ocon added: "I'm thrilled that I'll be making my Grand Prix debut with Manor Racing later this month.

"I've visited the Manor Technical Centre already for my seat fit and to meet with the wider team, so we'll be ready to hit the ground running after the summer break."

• *Rio Haryanto (right) and Pascal Wehrlein (picture courtesy of Manor Racing)*

Ardley United start their FA Cup dream

ARDLEY United's FA Cup dream began with a 3-2 home win against Tuffley Rovers in the Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round at the Playing Fields on Saturday.

Tuffley dominated the first half but several missed chances proved costly as Paul Davis' side improved in the second half.

It was the visitors who took the lead on 12 minutes with a Warren Mann header that eluded everyone and bounced in off the crossbar.

Nine minutes before the break should have seen Rovers double their lead, but Shane Bradley failed to convert an easy chance.

Early in the second half saw Ardley level when a corner was only cleared to the edge of the area, and Elias Katsoloudi scored from range.

This sparked United into life as they dominated possession and created numerous chances.

And just past the hour mark Carl Tappin slotted home to give the hosts the lead.

Rovers found an equaliser on 76 minutes.

But just five minutes later Ardley scored the winner when Jack Ross (pictured) fired Ardley ahead once more.

• Jack Ross scores Ardley's winner in a 3-2 win

Cricket roundup

BANBURY 2nds moved up to fifth in the Cherwell Cricket League Division 1 on Saturday after they beat Leighton Buzzard Town 1sts by three wickets.

After a strong 67 not out from Tom Scott, Leighton Buzzard declared 195-6, which proved costly as Banbury fought back to catch their total within three wickets.

Despite low battling averages all round, and three quickly taken wickets from Leighton Buzzards Lee Selfe, Banbury still managed to overturn the total to climb to fifth in the division.

There was no change to the top of Division Two however, as Oxford Downs continued their winning streak with a narrow win over Challow and Childrey.

An opening century from Challow's John Pechey (109) gave them a good start, with Mark Foster also adding a further 36 to their total to give the visitors 199–7, before declaring.

But half centuries from George Sandbach, Alex Ling and James Ellwood contributed to a winning total of 202 -9, despite three Downs batsmen being bowled for a duck.

Abingdon Vale remain in second after being Cropredy by five wickets, after the opposition registered a lowly 82 from their first innings, as Paul White claimed four wickets in nine overs.

The Vale batsmen then made short work of the chase, with Sam Chilvers hitting 28 runs from 29 balls, as they finished 83 - 5 to win by five wickets.

Sport Bites

Hard hitting golf

GOLF: Brize Norton golfer David Wilmore moved one step closer to the World Long Drive Championship as he qualified for the final of the American Golf Long Drive Championship – the official U.K. qualifying event for the World Championship.

He secured the regional title in the over 45 category and is due to contest the final at High Legh Park, Cheshire on August 19 in front of the live Sky Sports cameras in an attempt to qualify for the Long Drive Championship's in October.

Oliver re-signs

ICE HOCKEY: Oxford City Stars have announced the re-signing of forward Josh Oliver.

He joins his brother Nick, who signed up two weeks ago, in the line up for next season.

After having played in Swindon for a brief spell, Oliver has spent plenty of seasons playing for Oxford City Stars.

The fixtures for the forthcoming season have been released and the opening encounter on Sunday, September 11, will see the Stars entertain the Wightlink Raiders.

Wash out

ROWING: High winds yesterday caused rowing schedules to be posponed by 24 hours for the second time in the Games.

The Men's Eight, consisting of Oxfrodshire athletes Scott Durant, Will Satch and Andrew Triggs Hodge will now take place at 1.30pm today.

Constantine Louloudis will also compete in the coxless four, with Frances Houghton, Olivia Carnegie-Brown and cox Zoe de Toledo set to race in the Women's Eight.

Nine medal haul

SWIMMING: City of Oxford secured nine medals at the British National Championships in Sheffield from July 26-31.

The 6-day event saw the club take home four gold's, a silver and four bronze medals from Ponds Forge.

This was City of Oxford's best performance to date at a British nationals event.

Junior champion

WATER SKI-ING: Oxford water-skier Katie Nutt has been crowned junior national champion.

The 15-year-old, from Standlake, took the under-17 title at the National Championships in Gosfield, Essex, two weekends ago.

The Oxford Wake and Ski Club member won gold in the slalom, trick and jump events to secure the title.

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New recruits impact on memorable start

OXFORD United head coach Michael Appleton has praised the impact of the club's new signings.

Three of United's 10 new additions (excluding the re-signing of Chris Maguire) made their starting league debuts as the club celebrated its first League One game in 15 years on Saturday.

Goalkeeper Simon Eastwood, defender Curtis Nelson and striker Wes Thomas all started for the U's as they played out a 1-1 draw with Chesterfield at the Kassam Stadium.

West Bromwich Albion loanee Tyler Roberts and fellow striker Kane Hemmings also made their first appearances in yellow as second half substitutes.

But it was Thomas who introduced himself to the United faithful in the best way possible by scoring just after the half hour mark.

And Appleton praised all of his new recruits, saying: "I thought the new lads who came in did ever so well – it's always difficult when you're joining a new side.

"There's a lot of expectation around the place at the minute because we did ever so well last year – there's a real feel good factor about the place."

He also praised fellow new boy Nelson, who stood strong after Chey Dunkley went off injured and Appleton had to shuffle his defensive pack.

And the U's boss is encouraged by the early signs.

He said: "We've got everything to look forward to over the next eight or nine months because if they continue to put in performances like they have done today then everyone will have a team to be proud of.

"They will all be disappointed [with dropping two points] but it was very positive."

Midfielder Dan Crowley and Aaron Martin made their first Oxford appearances in Tuesday night's EFL Cup extra time win against Championship side Birmingham City.

Joe Rothwell was an unused substitute in both matches so far this season..

Christian Ribeiro and Martin missed the league opener through injury, while Rob Hall remains a long term absentee.

With their injuries, and the injury Dunkley picked up just before half time against Chesterfield, the club might dip their toes into the loan market.

Appleton said: "The games are coming thick and fast and it's something we might need to look at.

"We've got players who are pushing each other in the right areas of the field – but unfortunately we haven't got enough defenders.

"I'd like to be a little bit more secure and have a bit more depth defensively but when you lose players as quickly as we have it's difficult – but the players who have come in did well and have and stuck to task."

By **George Welch**

• *New boy Curtis Nelson with a shot on goal against Chesterfield on Saturday (Picture courtesy of Steve Daniels)*

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